



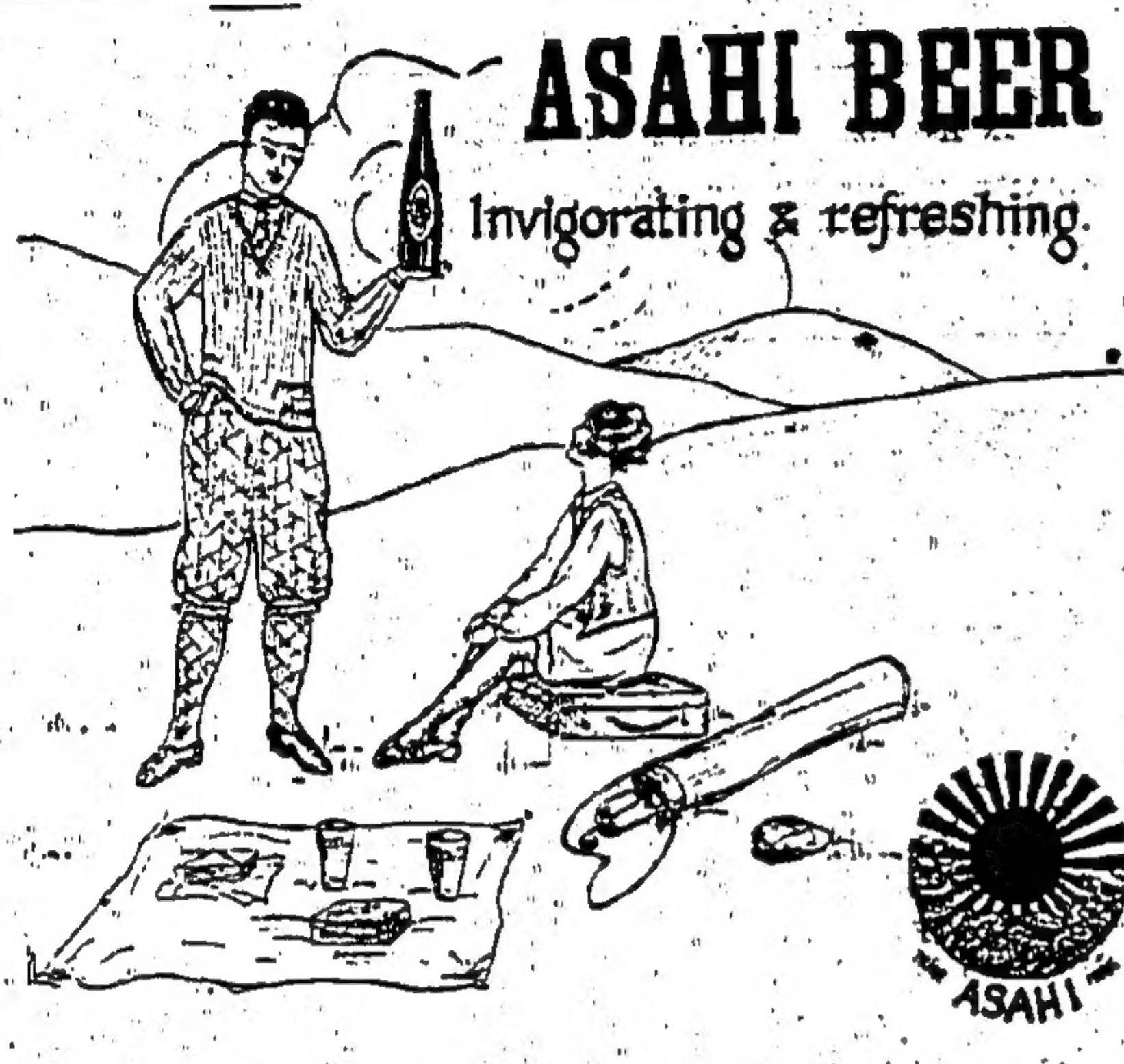
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MODESTO WOMAN TELLS ABOUT THE HELP SHE GOT FROM POO ON CHINESE HERBS IN THE JUSTICE'S COURT OF MODESTO, CALIF., U.S.A.

Mrs. H. L. Perry, residing at 1025, Washington Street, on the witness stand in the Justice's Court, Modesto township, County of Stanislaus, State of California, testified some time ago as to the great benefits of the Poo On Chinese Herbs. Sworn under oath to tell the truth, Mrs. Perry stated that she had been suffering from nervous indigestion for several years and had been to many doctors, but none were able to help her. Through a lady friend she heard of Poo On Chinese Herbs and decided to consult the Herbalist.

Mrs. Perry says:

"The benefits and help that the Poo On Chinese Herbs have brought into my family are more than I can ever repay. The health and happiness that these herbs have brought into my home is more than I can express in words.

For years I suffered with nervous indigestion. Every time I would eat my stomach would fill with gas and I would be in a distressed condition for several hours. I had headaches and was drowsy. At times I was unable to do my work and had to go to bed. I doctored with many physicians for years, but none was able to do me any good, and at last time went on I became worse and more discouraged. My husband has spent several hundreds of dollars for doctors and medicines and all failed to bring me any relief.

Through a friend I heard of the Poo On Chinese Herbs. I was doubtful but hearing of the many cures that these herbs had brought about I decided to go. The results of the Poo On Chinese Herbs as I testified me. After a few doses I began to notice a difference in the condition of my stomach and my general health. I continued to take the herbs and in a short time I was completely cured. Since that time I have gained steadily in weight and can now eat anything and all that I want without the least distress. I can truthfully say that I feel better now than I have in years, and I credit it all to the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

Child Snatched From Death by Poo On Chinese Herbs.

Probably the greatest help that the Poo On Chinese Herbs brought about in my home was in the case of my baby boy Robert when he was a year and a half old.

"Shortly after having the measles he was stricken with pneumonia. For three weeks he coughed continually and laid in a stupor most of the time. A local doctor, after trying to help the boy during this time, told us that if the child was to recover it would be necessary to operate upon his lungs and have the puss drained off. My husband and I did not know what to do. The child was in a deplorable condition and had lost so much weight that we could not see how he could undergo an operation in the condition that he was in. We had really given up all hopes for him and many of the neighbors gave up hope of his recovery. Knowing what the Poo On Chinese Herbs did for me and my other boy, Royce, we consulted the herbalist and were given some Poo On Chinese herbs for the boy.

Imagine our joy and gratitude when the child began to improve and in three days was able to get out of bed and walk about a little. We continued with the herbs and the child was soon in a normal condition and completely cured. He gained all the weight that he lost and to-day is a well and happy little fellow. The neighbors are still remarking on the remarkable recovery by the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

Thousands suffering from catarrh, bronchial and lung trouble, throat, cough, asthma, hay fever, malaria, stomach trouble, indigestion, constipation, gastritis, piles, diarrhoea, fistula, heart disease, eczema, scrofula, female trouble, nervousness, insomnia, obesity, kidney, bladder trouble, Bright's disease, diabetes, rheumatism, neuritis, dropsy, pyrexia, epilepsy, fits, paralysis, tumors, ulcers, pimples, dizziness, headaches, neurasthenia, neuritis, and many other chronic diseases, have been restored to health and happiness without poisonous drugs or the knife, by the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at yesterday's local market for rice, sugar and other foodstuffs were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Green Seal Siam	\$8.97
Green Lion White	7.18
Red Lion White	7.19
Red Seal White	7.17
Green Seal Glutinous	7.82
Red Seal Glutinous	6.82
No. 1 Glutinous Broken	6.82
Green Elephant	8.24
Red Seal No. 3 Broken	6.78
Red Peach	7.92
Black Seal Bran	3.11

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 18 coarse powdered	\$7.23
No. 30 coarse powdered	7.33
No. 34 coarse powdered	7.52

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at Wednesday's market in Canton for rice, sugar, flour and oil were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Black Dragon	\$10.80
Blue Anchor	10.55
Green Seal	10.95
Red Pearl	11.10
Blue Lion	10.55
Green Lion	10.00
Red Lion	9.85
New Moon	10.00
Three Marks	9.75
Chai Mi	10.80
See Mui	11.80

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered	8.30
No. 3 coarse powdered	7.80
No. 20 coarse powdered	8.00
No. 1 Granulated	10.80
No. 1 Fine Granulated	11.00
Refine White	9.00
Wai Chow White	8.40

Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	\$4.30
Silver Seal	4.10
Banana	4.05
Chetung Lok	4.10
Maize	4.25
Sword of Kwai	4.20
Cannoa	4.75
Cabbage	4.40
Dog's Head	4.60
Five Swallows	4.41

Oil.	Per Picul.
Groundnut	24.40
Fanchi	24.78
Minho	24.40
Honin	24.80
Ticatin	24.34
Dairen	24.80
Kwangki Wood	24.70
Kwangki Tea Seed	18.60

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET.

In Canton on Wednesday business in cotton yarn was still very dull, prices having dropped another \$3 per bale.

Quotations were as follows:—	Per Bale.
No. 42 Five Soms	\$580
Fui Hee	532
Butterfly	534
No. 32 Pine Deer	492
Tin Koon	448
Po Tap	444
No. 20 City of Gold	420
Globe	318
Good Harvest	312
Double Horse	311
Tin Koon	318
Double Elephant	318
Ng Fook	298
Man Clock	311
Shepherd	300
No. 18 Globe	291
Tin Kwei	290
No. 12 City of Gold	276
Peacock	276
Fui Kwai	272
Aeroplane	273
Pretty Damsel	259
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	257
Peacock	255
Lotus Bee	245
City of Gold	224
No. 6 Lion	197
Globe No. 2	184

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

CANTON, Jan. 30th.	
Water Works	\$3.85
Electric Light & Power Co.	4.00
Canton-Hankow Railways	0.51
The Sun Company	0.90
Sincere Company	0.90
Nanyang Bros. Tob. Co.	1.90
Canton Tramways	2.60
China Merchants S.S. Nav.	4.15
Central Bank	4.50

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY.

YEAR'S PROFIT OF \$47,315.

The annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Limited, was held yesterday morning in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

The Chairman, Mr. T. G. Weall, said that the profit for the year, after placing the sum of \$45,000 to Reserve Fund, and including balance brought forward from previous account amounted to \$47,315.81. "Your Committee," he continued, "recommend that this be dealt with as follows:—

Pay Dividend of \$1.25 on 27,722 shares	\$34,652.75
Bonus of 20 cents	5,544.75
Carry forward to new account	6,318.31
	\$47,315.81

"This dividend and bonus is the same as last year and I trust meets with your approval.

"You will notice that no appropriation has been made for depreciation on the fleet and in explanation I would say that profit on book value of one old vessel sold in 1927, amounting to \$13,050 more than sufficient to provide for depreciation on the usual liberal scale.

"You will also notice that no sums are set aside for special repairs or insurance fund. Only two of the older boats now remain and it is hoped to dispose of these before it becomes necessary to lay out any large sum in repairs, and it is therefore considered that special repairs fund, which has hardly been touched and stands at \$9,723.31, will be ample to provide for any repairs of a special nature.

"Insurance fund at \$71,962.97, is ample to cover the franchise on the fleet and needs no further building up for the present apart from amounts accruing from pro rata insurance premia.

"The sum placed to reserve fund, viz. \$45,000, is approximately equivalent to the surplus on book value of three old boats and old unclaimed dividends.

"It is gratifying to note that in investments now a further appreciation of \$31,000 during the year.

"The new boat Tai Yat, equipped with a semi-diesel engine, was placed in commission in August and is providing highly satisfactory and economical. We have recently laid down another boat of a similar type, but with full diesel engines, which should be ready about June and assist in supplying the heavy demands that are being made on our reduced fleet.

"Your fleet has been maintained in a high state of efficiency as usual and essential for our trade. During the year we supplied 620,000 tons of fresh water, which is rather less than the previous year and is due principally to smaller requirements by the Navy.

"There are no further points requiring comment and I therefore propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer questions."

Other Business.

The report and accounts were seconded by Mr. W. S. Bailey and passed unanimously. Other business was the re-election of Messrs. Linstead & Davis as auditors at a remuneration of \$300 per annum on the proposition of Mr. L. S. Greenhill, seconded by Mr. Harold Seth. Supporting the Chairman were Messrs. C. G. S. Mackie, S. Kinoshita, A. L. Shields and D. E. de Souza (Secretary).

The following shareholders were present:—Messrs. E. Van Eps, Harold, Seth, B. Brown, W. S. Bailey, L. S. Greenhill, A. D. Humphries, and L. G. S. Dodwell.

CANTON CUSTOMS SUPERINTENDENT.

A NEW APPOINTMENT.

It is reported, says the Canton Gazette, that the Ministry of Finance of the National Government has appointed Mr. Fan Kee Mo as Superintendent of the Canton Customs. Mr. Fan is the Director of the Canton Salt Administration Office, and is concurrently a member of the Party Affairs Directory Committee of Canton. He is at present at Nanking.

Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kwangtung, and concurrently Superintendent of the Canton Customs, is said to have submitted a petition to the Provincial Government, tendering his resignation from the Customs post, in view of his arduous diplomatic duties. Moreover, he is to proceed to the Philippine Islands next month to investigate the lot of the Chinese there, and to encourage them to form a Branch Association of Aeronautics.

Mr. Chu's resignation from his concurrent post has been delayed because the Government was unable to find a suitable man to succeed him.

SHANGHAI MARKET REPORT.

GENERAL TONE IN PIECE GOODS SATISFACTORY.

MARKETS SHOW HOLIDAY FEELING.

Shanghai, January 29th.—The last Yuanfong Piece Goods auction of the season totalled 670 packages, the largest since the early part of 1928. The general tone was very satisfactory and prices for Black Italian, Venetians, and, in fact, for all dyed goods were a trifle on the easy side. The demand was mainly of a speculative nature and having disposed of distinctly large quantities during the last few weeks, it was not altogether unexpected to see prices give way. Speculators were keen if they could get goods at cheap prices as usual in the last sale of the year—the idea being to buy cheaply now and push prices up just after China New Year.

There was a very strong market for Greys with orders principally from Hangchow but well supported by good local and speculative demand which indicates higher values in March.

The market for Whites was not quite as active as last week but all China qualities remained very steady whilst there was a slightly weaker tendency for Korean chop-deliveries, as expected, have been falling off in clearance of dyed goods but the special feature of the week has been the improved deliveries of Greys to Hangchow and a fair shipment of Whites to Korea. There was less activity on the part of Tientsin and Hankow but a little more doing from Changshai. In general, the sale can be described as a successful wind-up to a smooth year's working with no particular interference except for the usual festivals. The next auction will take place on February 21st.

On the local Cotton Exchange, yarn is slightly lower than a week ago while cotton has fallen about half a tael per picul. American cotton is only a trifle lower. Clearances from the mills are not very brisk owing to the approach of China New Year and dealers are not particularly interested in making fresh purchases for forward delivery. Mills have been giving some attention to Indian cottons and a considerable amount has been purchased. This tends to make holders of Chinese cottons rather uneasy in their attitude.

In their weekly report on China cotton and yarn, Messrs. J. Spunt & Co. write:—

China Cotton.

The cotton market during the past week has shown practically no activity, and prices show a decline of Tls. 0.50 to Tls. 0.75 per picul from last week's level. Such a situation may be attributed to the absence of any extensive demand from spinners against gradual increasing stocks and also to distress cotton being offered by a certain portion of holders who are endeavoring thereby to quickly obtain their accounts before the advent of the Chinese New Year festivities.

Under the present reliance on the part of consumers and the heavy stocks locally, particularly at a time not so distant from the approaching Chinese New Year settlements, one may be led to anticipate no considerable rise until the holidays are over.

Yarn.

We have no change to report in the fundamental conditions of the local yarn market, in that prices ruling are nearly the same as last week. In all, some 4,000 to 5,000 bales of various counts and chops of local products have changed hands for export to Canton, Swatow, Kiangsu, Ningpo, Fukien, Newchwang, Amoy and other interior ports.

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ACCOUNTS FOR 1928.

Making a total of \$1.40 per share for the year, the directors of the above company recommend a final dividend of 90 cents per share, payable after the date of the forthcoming ordinary yearly general meeting of the company, which will be announced in due course.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 31st, 1929.	
B.R. Banks...\$1,340 buy, 1.35 sel & ss.	
Do...London...\$140 sel.	
Chartered Banks...\$223 sel.	
Mercantile Banks, A. & B...\$23 sel.	
Do...O...\$215 sel.	
P. & O. Banks...\$291 nom.	
East Asia Banks...\$385 buy.	
Canton Insurance...\$383 buy, 390 sel.	
Union Insurance...\$388 buy, 371 sel.	
North China Ins...Tls. 160 buy.	
Yongtze Insurance...M. \$50 nom.	
China Underwriters...\$2 buy, 2.20 sel.	
China Fire Insurance...\$380 buy.	
Hong Kong Fire Ins...\$785 nom.	
Do...\$38 buy, 37 sel.	
H.K. Steamboats...\$140 nom.	
H.K. Tug...\$140 nom.	
Indo-China (Str)...\$50 buy.	
Do...\$90 nom.	
Shell Transport...\$76 nom.	
Do...\$24 nom.	
Union Waterboats...\$340 buy.	
Benguet...\$340 buy.	
Kailan Mining Admin...\$674 nom.	
Langkat (combined)...Tls. 1,160 buy.	
Do...\$1,160 buy.	
Shan Explorations...Tls. 2.80 buy.	
Shanghai Loans...Tls. 3.10 buy.	
Kailan...\$54 nom.	
Trench Mines...\$176 nom.	
H.K. & K. Wharf...\$124 buy.	
H.K. & W. Docks...\$50 nom.	
China Provident...\$510 buy.	
Hongkong...Tls. 1,624 buy.	
New Engineering...Tls. 30 nom.	
Shanghai Docks...Tls. 108 buy.	
Two Cottons...Tls. 1.90 sel.	
Oriental Cottons...Tls. 2 nom.	
S'hai Cottons (old)...Tls. 55 sel.	
Do...\$13 sel.	
H.K. & S. Hotels...\$15 buy, 9 sel.	
H.K. Lands...\$56 nom.	
Shanghai Lands...Tls. 165 buy.	
Hungary Estates...\$120 sel.	
H.K. Realities...\$81 buy.	
E.K. Tramways...\$30.50 sel.	
Peak Tram (old)...\$13 sel.	
Do...\$17.70 nom.	
Sta. Arris...\$124 buy.	
China Lights...\$53 buy, 53 sel.	
H.K. Electric (old)...\$53 buy, 53 sel.	
Do...\$53 buy, 53 sel.	
Macao Electric...\$162 nom.	
Sandakan Lights...\$5 nom.	
Telephones (old)...\$6.50 sel.	
Do...\$6.50 sel.	
China Buses...Tls. 114 buy.	
Singapore Tramways...\$114 buy.	
Do...\$17.70 buy, 18 sel.	
China Sugars...\$1.08 buy.	
Maklon Sugars...\$1.08 buy.	
Canton Ice...\$3.20 nom.	
Cement (combined)...\$3.80 buy.	
Do...\$3.80 buy.	
Do...\$3.80 buy.	
H.K. Ropes (old)...\$7.30 nom.	
Do...\$7.30 nom.	
Do...\$7.30 nom.	
United Aabest...\$5 nom.	
Dairy Farms...\$34 sel.	
Wai...\$80 sel.	
Do...\$80 sel.	
Lane Cravens...\$3.05 nom.	
Mackintosh...\$20 nom.	
Sinco...\$104 buy.	
Wm. Powell...\$3.65 nom.	
H.K. Amusements...\$27 sel.	
H.K. Constructions...\$1 nom.	
Equa. Indus. G. & P...\$6.5 nom.	
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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O.,
COMMANDANT.]

No. 5/1929.

1.—Annual Inspection.

The G.O.C. will inspect the Corps on Friday, February 2nd, on Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m.

The Corps will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. as for ceremonial, in four Companies.

No. 1 Company, under Captain F. Syme Thomson. Composed of:

The Battery,

Engineer Company,

Signals,

Reserve Company (less

Scottish Reserves).

No. 2 Company, under Captain E. J. R. Mitchell. Composed of:

M.I. Company,

Armoured Car Section,

Motor Cycle Section,

Machine Gun Company.

No. 3 Company, under Captain K. S. Morrison. Composed of:

Scottish Company,

Scottish Reserves.

No. 4 Company, under Captain R. B. Davies.

Portuguese Company.

Officer for King's Colour: 2/Lt. M. A. Johnson, M.M.

Officer for Regimental Colour: 2/Lt. H. R. Forsyth.

Dress: Corps review order: Helmet, khaki tunic, shorts, black boots, puttees, breeches, belt, rifle and bayonet, medals. Scottish Company will comply.

PRACTICE PARADES.

There will be a practice parade in uniform on Murray Parade Ground on Tuesday, February 12th. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

The Parade Ground at Volunteer Headquarters will be available for Companies to hold practice parades in multi as follows:—

No. 1 Company—Monday, Feb. 4th.

No. 2 Company—Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

No. 3 Company—Thursday, Feb. 14th.

No. 4 Company—Friday, Feb. 15th.

Band—Wednesday, Feb. 13th.

All ranks are required to attend the G.O.C.'s Inspection unless specially exempted by the Commandant.

Applications for exemption supported by sufficient documentary or medical evidence to be submitted through Company Commanders.

2.—Officers Sword Drill.

All available Officers will parade under the Adjutant at 5.45 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters on Tuesday, February 5th, and Thursday, February 7th.

Dress: Muff, swords.

3.—Musketry.

The Engineer Company and Corps Signals will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, February 3rd.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. D. Read.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order, i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, February 1st, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., and 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, February 2nd, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

4.—Corps Band.

The Band will parade at full strength at Headquarters on dates as hereunder:—

Tuesday, February 5th:—Lecture Room.

Wednesday, February 6th:—Marching on Parade Ground.

5.—The Battery.

Monday, February 4th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection. Dress: Drill order, muff.

6.—Engineer Company.

Monday, February 4th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection. Dress: Drill order, muff.

Musketry. The attention of all ranks is drawn to this Corps Order para. 3 regarding Table "T" to be fired by the Engineer Company on Sunday, February 3rd.

7.—Corps Signals.

Monday, February 4th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection. Dress: Muff, belt, bayonet and frog.

Musketry. The attention of all ranks is drawn to this Corps Order para. 3 regarding Table "T" to be fired by Signals on Sunday, February 3rd.

8.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Tuesday, February 5th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection. Dress: Muff, rifle, belt and sidearms.

Thursday, February 7th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Overall.

9.—Armoured Car Company.

Armoured Car and Motor Cycle Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5th, for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection. Dress for above parade, drill order, muff.

(Continued on next Column.)

BISHOP'S VIEWS ON SUNDAY.

ROUSE CONTROVERSY IN
NEW ZEALAND.

Auckland, (N.Z.).—Feeling continues to run high in the Waikato district in consequence of the statements of the Anglican bishop, Dr. Cherrington, that provided Christians first attended communion on Sunday they should be free to do as they liked for the rest of the day; that Sunday schools should be closed and religious instruction given on some other day; and that no clergyman should be expected to preach more than one sermon a day.

At a meeting of parishioners of Hamilton, called to decide a proposal to establish a new parish, it was declared that, because of the bishop's recent declarations regarding Sunday observance, many parishioners declined to contribute to the church funds.

"Everybody knows that the bishop is Anglo-Catholic, and that we are Protestant," said one speaker. "Not 5 per cent. of the Hamilton Anglicans will support the bishop."

CAR SECTION.

Fridays: February 1st and 8th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

10.—Machine Gun Company. The whole Company will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5th, in multi with rifle, belt and sidearms for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection, except those detailed by O.C. No. 1 Platoon for M.G. Part I. at Kennedy Road Range. Those firing M.G. Part I. to proceed by Ford Truck under Lieut. A. H. Penn at 5.15 p.m.

Dress: Overall.

11.—Scottish Company. Thursday, February 7th, at 5.30 p.m.

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons will parade at Corps Headquarters for Squad and Arms Drill. Dress: Muff, rifle, belt and sidearms.

No. 6 Platoon will parade at Kowloon for Squad and Arms Drill. Dress as for Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons. Practice Parade on Tuesday, February 12th, 1929.

Annual Inspection on Friday, February 2nd.

Review Order for Scottish Company is spats, diced-hose, flashes, kilt, sporran, tunic, glengarry, rifle, belt and sidearms.

Musketry Part II. The final opportunity for those who have not yet fired is Sunday, February 17th, at Taikeo. Details later.

12.—Portuguese Company. Friday, February 8th. The Company will be expected to parade as strong as possible at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Dress: Uniform optional, arms, rifle, belt and bayonet.

RECRUITS.

All recruits will parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, February 4th, at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: As for Company parade.

RIFLE CLUB.

Reference Company Orders of Corps Orders of last week para. 12. The date should read, February 24th.

13.—Reserve Company. Monday, February 4th. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection. Dress: Drill order, muff.

14.—Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1445 Pte. E. G. Dale, M.I. Co., from January 25th, 1929.

No. 1443 Pte. J. T. Lacey, No. 2 Platoon, from January 25th, 1929.

15.—Promotions. The following promotions will take effect from February 1st, 1929:

RESERVE COMPANY.
No. 441 C.Q.M.S. R. W. Lee-Jones, to be C.S.M.

No. 113 Sergt. J. A. Howe, to be C.Q.M.S.

No. 1064 Pte. H. West, to be Lieut. Sergeant.

16.—Long Service Medal. H.E. the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to the undermentioned W.O. and N.C.O. on January 24th, 1929:—

No. 80 C.S.M. M. H. Green, Machine Gun Company.

No. 209 Sergt. J. M. Jack, The Battery.

17.—Leave.

No. 245 C.Q.M.S. E. G. Stewart, Machine Gun Co., from February 1st to November 30th, 1929.

No. 1078 Pte. E. L. Vaa, No. 11 Platoon, from January 28th to March 25th, 1929.

2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine, Car Section, having returned to the Colony the unexpired period of his leave is cancelled.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., Hong Kong, February 1st, 1929.

NOTICE.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club will hold their next meeting at the Peak Range on Sunday, February 3rd, at 8 a.m. sharp.

DIAMOND THEFT IN SINGAPORE.

EUROPEAN'S CONFESSION.

MYSTERY OF \$125,000 LOSS
CLEARED UP.

The Singapore branch of a firm of diamond merchants doing business all over the world is the centre of a sensational diamond theft story. One of its Europeans, holding a general power of attorney, is alleged to have confessed to the theft of \$125,000 worth of precious stones in a letter from Hong Kong, thereby clearing up a mystery that has engaged the attention of the police of Singapore and Colombo for over three months.

Employee Disappears in China.

The employee was in the Singapore firm of Sam Buchenholz and Co., in North Bridge Road, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest, but the latest news of him is that he has disappeared from Nanking into the interior of China.

On September 12th a parcel of diamonds valued at \$125,000 was sent by Sam Buchenholz and Co., by registered letter post, to Colombo, addressed to the European at Post Restante, Colombo.

The parcel was taken to the Post Office at Singapore by this employee and by Mr. E. Buchenholz, the employee following it up to Colombo a few days later.

At Colombo the parcel was opened in the presence of the Customs Appraiser, and the sensational discovery was then made that \$125,000 of precious stones had been stolen and only a small packet valued at \$3,000 left.

An examination of the package revealed that a hole had been cut in the tin case in which the various packets of diamonds had been placed. A seal which had been impressed on sealing wax had been very carefully cut round and removed, the paper underneath it and the tin being similarly cut. A piece of cardboard was replaced to cover the hole. The seal coming on top of this was so carefully worked at the edges that it was difficult except by very careful examination to tell that it had been taken off.

The Post Office Cleared.

The package had been posted at Singapore immediately before the closing of the homeward mail, and there was no time for the theft, which was apparently the work of an expert, to have been done at Singapore. The police, however, had an analysis made of the wax of the seal that had been tampered with, and this showed that in the replacing of the seal the same wax had been used. That cleared the Singapore Postal employees of all suspicion.

Investigations were continued, both by the Singapore and the Colombo police. The European employee, in the meantime, having reported the loss at Colombo, went on to Cairo, on the firm's business. He returned to the Far East, passing through Singapore on his way to Saigon, also on the firm's business, and the affair remained a mystery till a few days ago.

Then Mr. E. Buchenholz in Singapore received a letter from his employee. It was written from Hong Kong and in it he is alleged to have confessed the theft, explaining that he substituted a dummy package, in which he had placed only \$3,000 worth of diamonds, for the genuine parcel.

The Hong Kong police were immediately notified but the self-confessed thief, expecting such prompt action, had left for Nanking, and now it is believed that he has disappeared into the interior of China.—Straits Times.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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8 p.m.—Evening programme (Victor records).

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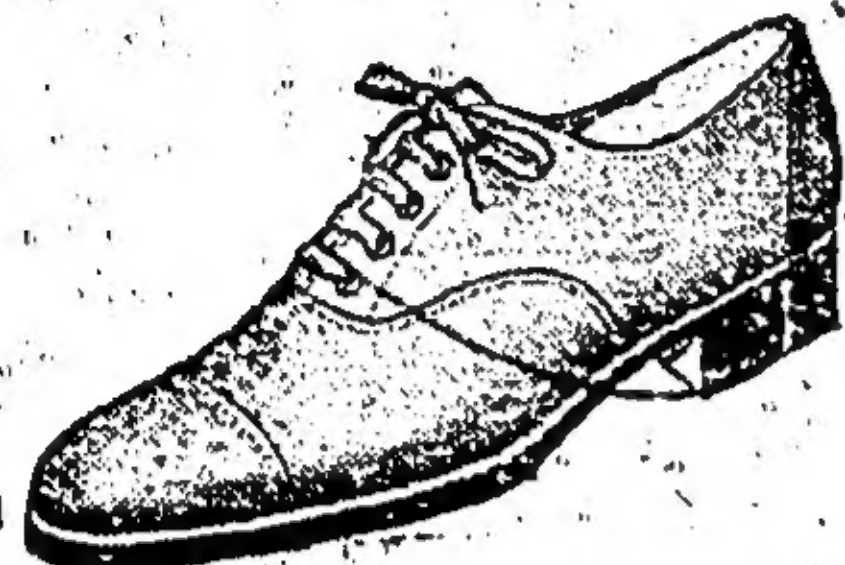
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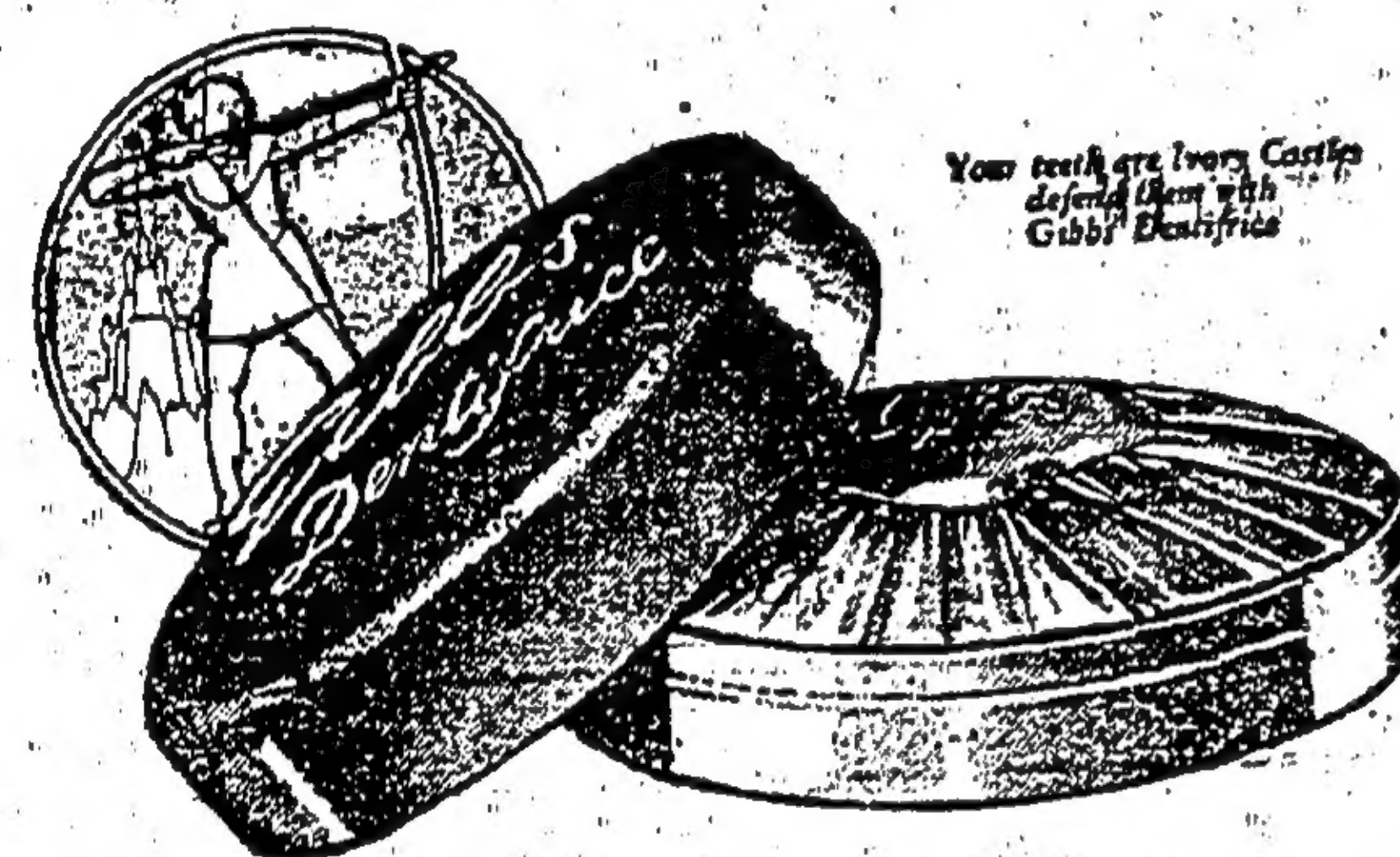
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ADMIRAL SIR REGINALD TYRWITT SAYS "GOODBYE."

NEW C-IN-C. AND STAFF ARRIVE.

Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Yorke Tyrwhitt, Bart., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., who has been Commander-in-Chief of the China Station during the past three years, bade farewell to his officers and men of the Station at a Naval Review yesterday morning at Happy Valley. The Admiral's flag will be struck in H.M.S. "Kent" at sunset to-day.

The C-in-C. has been relieved by Vice-Admiral A. K. Waistell whose flag was hoisted in H.M.S. "Cornwall" this morning.

Below, we give a personal reminiscence of Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, written by a *Daily Press* representative who was an officer in the Harwich flotilla under Sir Reginald during the war.

THE REVIEW.

"Parade—Shunt!"

The snap of hands on rifle-butts stilled the hum of chatter from the pavilion as the battalions of blue-jackets and marines sprang to attention. Came another command and then the buglers sounded the Admiral's salute as Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, accompanied by Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. (General Officer Commanding), Flag Capt. J. Wolfe Murray, D.S.O. (Chief of Staff), Flag Lieut. St. John R. J. Tyrwhitt, and Secretary-Fayman, arrived upon the race course at Happy Valley to review massed detachments from the First Cruiser Squadron and other Naval ships in harbour yesterday morning.

A large crowd of spectators watched the event with great interest.

Low-hanging clouds drifted down from the hills but rain held off and the weather remained ideal for the ceremony. Approximately 1,000 officers and men took part and comprised three battalions. The smart appearance of the seamen and marines, and the wonderful precision and smartness displayed by them in drilling and marching, excited laudatory comments from the spectators.

Three Battalions.

The first battalion consisted of "A" company, H.M.S. Kent, "B" company, H.M.S. Cornwall, and "C" company, H.M.S. Suffolk. All companies in this battalion consisted of three double platoons.

The second battalion consisted of "D" company, H.M.S. Hermes, "E" company, Fourth Submarine Flotilla, and "F" company, Eighth Destroyer Flotilla and Sloops. These companies consisted of two double platoons.

The third battalion consisted of Royal Marines drawn from all ships.

The Brigade was commanded by Captain the Hon. W. S. Leveson-Gower, D.S.O., of H.M.S. Cornwall.

Taking the salute from the drum and file band, the inspecting party moved to the saluting base, the band of the Royal Marines playing the time-honoured salute—"Rule, Britannia!" Following the inspection of the ranks, the parade advanced in companies with fixed bayonets and marched past the saluting base, returning in mass brigade order.

In the pavilion, a running fire of comment was kept up as the various platoons and companies deployed into line and the tramp of marching feet and the strains of Colonel Bogey brought back many reminiscences of similar scenes during the days when Britain's Sure Shield was called upon to play a grimmer role.

"Tyrwhitt of Harwich," "The Saucy Arcturion."

Dawn. From out the mist, three ghostly shapes stole swiftly through the grey waters, Arcturion leading, Undaunted and Cleopatra astern. They had left Harwich two days and a night before. This was the end of their loss trial.

Ahead, a light flickered, was lost and flickered again.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BROKEN BONES AND
WRENCHED PASSAGES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR,—May I trespass again on your space in connection with the correspondence on Christian Science.

In the last letter our critic quotes various passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.

These passages have been wrenched from the context and so give a perverted representation. With regard to her treatment of her book, Mrs. Eddy writes on page 341:

"The Scriptures on this volume would condemn to oblivion the truth which has raised us thousands from helplessness, strength and elevating them from a theoretical to a practical Christianity. These passages have been wrenched from the context and so give a perverted representation."

Separated from their context. Even

the Scriptures, which grow in beauty and consistency from one grand root, appear contradictory when subjected to such usage."

Our critic is very wide of the mark when he terminates his letter by declaring, "Oh, Ye of little faith." Of Christian Scientists it can be truly said in the words of James, "Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."—Yours, truly,

W. H. ADLER,
Christian Science Committee
on Publication for
Hong Kong, Jan. 31st, 1929.

[The time seems to have arrived for intervention in this controversy. Both sides have had ample opportunity for expressing their views; and if our readers are any the wiser now than when the argument began, something has been gained as a result. Hard words break out, not does Christian Science claim to be able to mend them neatly. Whether the discussion now closed has revealed anything more than the individual reader's outlook on the subject.—Ed.]

THE ROYAL ARROW TRAGEDY.

WITNESS'S EVASIVE REPLIES.

EVIDENCE REPEATED IN SWEDISH.

The case against Louis Pedersen, who is charged with the murder of John Zetterberg on board the s.s. Royal Arrow on January 18th, was resumed yesterday morning at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

Detective Inspector Lane prosecuted and Mr. O. E. C. Marton (of Messrs. Denoon's) was for the defendant.

Before evidence was called his Worship said that he was by no means certain that Bernsen, the witness, who was present when the fatal blow was struck, really understood the questions put to him.

He believed that Bernsen had informed Inspector Lane that he did not understand either his Worship or Mr. Marton as well as he did the Inspector.

Inspector Lane replied that Bernsen had remarked that the Magistrate and Mr. Marton had spoken "too big English" for him to understand.

Evidence In Swedish.

Mr. H. Hallgren, the Swedish interpreter, was then sworn and evidence already given by Bernsen was repeated.

Describing the incident in the cabin, Bernsen said that at 9 p.m. there were three men in the cabin. Pedersen (the accused), the deceased, and himself. They had all been drinking beer.

Pedersen started talking about boxing and said he wanted to box the man named Zetterberg. Witness was sitting on the forward bunk and Pedersen and the deceased were on the bunk opposite to him. They were talking and arguing about boxing, and commenced to hit one another occasionally.

His Worship then remarked that that was where they began to "go away from it." Witness having previously stated that no blow was struck at the outset.

Continuing, Bernsen said Pedersen punched Zetterberg who fell sideways on the bunk, appearing to be afraid of Pedersen. Then Pedersen took a full bottle of beer from the table and struck Zetterberg on the back of the head. He struck only one blow. The bottle was smashed to pieces, and the deceased lay motionless on the bunk.

Witness spoke to the deceased who did not answer, and Pedersen left the cabin without saying anything. Witness went to get help, and when he returned with a fireman and the assistant engineer, Zetterberg was sitting on a chair. Witness held to his statement that Pedersen left the cabin, before he (witness) returned with the fireman and the engineer.

Pedersen was very drunk, and Zetterberg had been drinking the whole afternoon. Witness admitted that he was drunk but was sober enough to remember.

Conflicting Evidence.

The Magistrate: You tell me Pedersen left the cabin as soon as he struck the blow? Yes.

The fireman said he did not see Pedersen in the cabin?—No, he didn't.

But when Mr. McDermott, the 1st assistant engineer, came a little later he said that he did see Pedersen. Witness again affirmed that Pedersen did not return to the cabin.

The Magistrate remarked that it was most extraordinary, and that it seemed that there was a conflict of evidence.

Mr. Marton also remarked that it was curious as Mr. McDermott had compared the condition of the three men.

No Drink For 23 Days!

Cross-examined by Mr. Marton, Witness said that when the ship had berthed, after a voyage of 23 days, he bought liquor from sampan. He knew how many days they had been without drink as he had counted them. He added that he and the others were ready for their drink! Witness himself drank two bottles of beer before going on watch, and returning at 2 p.m., after the watch, he had another bottle.

Mr. Marton: You wouldn't get drunk on three bottles of beer?—No.

Mr. Marton asked witness if he could remember that when Mr. McDermott came into the cabin at 2.30 p.m. he found witness unfit for duty, and told him (witness) that he was too drunk to go on watch?

Bernsen replied that Mr. McDermott did not bluntly tell him so, but said that he had another man down below and that he would send another fireman on duty.

Mr. Marton: The reason being that you were drunk?—Witness went on to say that the engineer had sent a man down already and didn't need him (witness).

The Magistrate remarked that the witness was most unsatisfactory. The points over which he was very important but he persisted in being evasive.

Witness was then told to give straightforward replies to the questions.

Mr. Marton: Would the assistant engineer say you were drunk if you were not?—Yes, he would.

Have you any grudge against him?—No.

I put it to you that you were drunk at 2.30 p.m. I was drunk drinking the whole time and that

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but I knew what I was doing. Witness admitted that he had a bottle of beer and also a coffee cup full of neat whisky. Witness added that the accused was Zetterberg, and that he was drinking the whole time and that

by 3.30 p.m. Zetterberg was very drowsy, but did not go to sleep, nor did witness.

The hearing was then adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5th.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE RAIDED.

DARK DEED IN CANTON.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Jan. 31st.
An odd and sensational attempt at armed robbery occurred in Canton on Tuesday night. The very original point of attack by an armed gang, some half a dozen strong, was the public Slaughter House in Leung Hing Malco. The robbers took advantage of two things—first, that the place is never locked, as no one imagined it would have any interest for robbers, and second, the constant failure of the electric light current.
About fourteen foks live on the place and for years have enjoyed complete safety despite their "open door" policy. The bandits waited till the lights failed just before 11 p.m. and then quietly entered. The foks were sound asleep, their hours of repose being from 5 p.m. till midnight, at which odd hour they start the day's work. Each in turn was dragged off his bed and while one gunman held a pistol to his ribs the others quickly bound him with steel wire and gagged him with a dirty rag. The whole party was most efficiently trusted and then herded into a small room, one gunman mounting guard.
The rest of the gang started to ransack the place, and then made their way to the first floor where the manager was sleeping.

TO THE RESCUE.

But the noise already made, though slight, had aroused the manager who guessed what had happened. He crept stealthily out on the verandah and though afraid to shout or blow his police whistle he hoped to attract the attention of a passing and summon help. He had looked his door but just as the robbers were hurrying themselves against it one of the abattoir butchers turned up. Finding the door locked he proceeded to beat a tattoo against it with his bamboo pole. At the same time the manager, summoning all his courage, blew a long blast on his whistle.

The gang thought the police had arrived and the hammering was caused by rifle and revolver butts. They fled by the back way in confusion.
Outside a police patrol heard the whistle and dashed to the scene, but just as they had sighted the decamping robbers the lights again failed, and every member of the gang made good his escape. The only thing left behind was one revolver.

The police quickly freed the unfortunate foks who were soon busily engaged upon the night's work.

CANTON'S SUBURBS TO SUFFER.

ELECTRICITY TO BE CUT OFF.
A YOUNG LADY'S TRAGEDY!

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, January 31st.
The Municipality has ordered that from February 2nd, onwards, the electric current to Honan, Fong Tsou, Fati, Sai Tsou, Nam Ngou, Shek Wo Tong, Five Eyed Bridge, Ip Po and Hong Lok, including Lingnan University is to be cut off every evening from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Company has all along complained that its generators are being overloaded, largely because of general electricity stealing throughout the City and that it is not, therefore, responsible for the present lighting failure. The authorities hope that by sacrificing these outlying and less important parts of Canton they will be able to secure a reliable service for the business quarters which present the more tempting propositions for armed gangs.

The Municipality has promised that the supply of electricity will be restored as soon as the Light and Power Company has got its generators in proper working order.
The Government is also considering a thorough investigation into the economic position of the Company with a view to making it lower its charges. There are very high and are the subject of perpetual complaints on all sides.

Your correspondent witnessed a typical *contretemps* last night. Just after the lights had failed for the tenth time a smartly dressed young lady who had been out shopping stepped off the pavement in the dark and missing her footing measured her length in a pool of muddy water. She so far forgot herself, as she viewed her ruined brocade to say—

CHOLERA IN LUICHOW.

OFFICIAL PRECAUTIONS.

Owing to irregular climatic conditions brought about by the drought, says the *Canton Gazette*, cholera has been prevailing in the districts of Luichow and Onpo in the Southern region, resulting in many deaths. There is a fear that the disease will spread to other localities. The authorities in Pak-hoi have been taking all precautions possible against the incursion (Continued at foot of next column.)

FRENCH WOMAN'S DEATH.

TRAGIC SCENE IN A HOTEL.

POLICE MAKING ENQUIRIES.

The guests and management of the St. Francis Hotel were roused from their sleep early yesterday morning, when Mons. Darius Marilly, one of the guests shouted out that his wife was dead.
Mons. and Mme. Marilly arrived at the Hotel on December 4th, last year. They booked room No. 308, without board. Since then they had made several trips to Canton and Macao. They were a very quiet couple and neither husband nor wife made many friends in the hotel. Mme. Marilly who was an attractive looking woman of about 35, was understood to have been connected with Madame Clerget's dress-making establishment.
Yesterday morning, at about 5.30 a.m., Mrs. B. Thompson, of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, who lives in the hotel, was roused by a room boy, who told her that a lady on the floor below was very ill and asked her to give assistance. Coming out of her room, Mrs. Thompson looked over from the balcony and saw Mons. Marilly in a frantic state. He was shouting, in French, at the top of his voice that his wife was dead and at the same time enjoining every one to keep quiet.

Coming down Mrs. Thompson found the couple's room door was ajar. She heard Madame Marilly groaning and on entering the room found her in what appeared to be convulsions. By this time the other guests and the manager, Mr. Hannigan, were on the scene.
Between them they tried to pacify the husband and at the same time summoned the police. doctor and ambulance. The police arrived as soon as possible, as did Dr. Wang, who could only say that life was extinct. The body of the unfortunate woman was taken to the Mortuary in an ambulance and the police took charge of several bottles, which they found in her room.

The husband when questioned by some of the guests was said to have stated that he woke up at 4 a.m. He heard his wife groan, spoke to her, but got no answer. He felt her hands and found that she was cold. He was frightened and when he switched on the light to look at his wife, he saw that she was dying. Opening the door, he rushed out for assistance.

Enquiries at the French Consulate revealed that they did not know the unfortunate lady. Mons. Marilly has, however, called at the Consulate on two or three occasions in connection with his business. Beyond that the Consulate was unable to give any information.

It was also stated that the couple on taking the room said that they had come from Saigon. The Police are investigating the matter and it is understood that a *post-mortem* examination has been made.
The funeral of the unfortunate lady will probably take place this afternoon at the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN EXPECTED TO-DAY.

A SHORT VISIT TO CANTON CITY.

MEETING WITH HIS BROTHER.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, according to official sources in Canton, is expected in Hong Kong by the P. & O. s.s. Morea, which is due here early this morning from Shanghai. The Marshal is accompanied by Mr. Tang Ka Yin, his chief secretary, Mr. Liu Tsao Po, a former Commissioner of Civil Affairs for Kwangtung, Mr. Liao Peo Fang, secretary of the Canton Political Council, and Mr. Koo Ying Fan, an official from Nanking. Mr. Koo is officially stated to be visiting Canton to see to the repair of his father's tomb, and, when this has been done he will return to Nanking.

Mrs. Li Tsai Hsin, Dr. Chao Hsin Chu and a special representative of General Chen Ming Shu are expected in Hong Kong to meet him.

It is believed that the Marshal will only pay a short visit to Canton, returning to Nanking in time to attend the Third Kuomintang Conference. He hopes to meet his younger brother, Mr. Li Tsai Wan, who has just returned from Europe where he has been studying political economy and political science. The two brothers will probably pay a visit to the tomb of their mother who died about a year ago and is buried in Kwangsi.

It is expected that Marshal Li will leave for Nanking on February 20th.

of this epidemic into their territory, bringing in medical supplies from Hong Kong, whereas the military surgeons are paying great attention to the question of proper sanitation in the various military barracks.

The local Police Headquarters have been instructed to assist in guarding the public health by causing the observance of cleanliness on the part of the public. A vaccination campaign has also been started, while people coming into the locality from Luichow are subjected to medical examination before being allowed to effect an entry.

SINKING OF THE HSIN WAH,

PASSENGER SURVIVOR'S BATTLE FOR LIFE.

CREW EAGER TO SAVE THEIR OWN LIVES?

FURTHER DISCLOSURES AT INQUEST.

A forcible attempt by the crew of the s.s. Hsin Wah to prevent passengers from entering the lifeboat which saved twenty out of the twenty-six survivors of the disaster was alleged by a passenger in his evidence at the resumed inquest proceedings yesterday. Including this witness, who had to fight his way to the boat by slipping down the ropes, four passengers and sixteen members of the crew were rescued by a fishing junk after daylight. The quartermaster and the bosun were questioned regarding their efforts to save their own lives in preference to those of the passengers.

The last witness before the adjournment was the Harbour Master (Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.) who said he first heard of the sinking of the vessel when he reached his office at 9.30 a.m. As the news of the stranding of the vessel had been received at 4.25 a.m., witness considered that he ought to have been advised of the sinking when the news was received by the Boarding Officer at about 3.30 a.m.

At the close of the proceedings it was announced that steps will be taken to call a steward who is still in hospital. This man was rescued from some rocks on an island far away from the scene of the wreck. He got there on a raft, with two companions, but they went mad after they had reached the shore and plunged again into the sea.

The inquest proceedings were resumed in the forenoon and lasted all afternoon. Mr. R. E. Lindsell was sitting as Coroner, with a jury (Captain A. W. Davison and Messrs J. W. C. Bonnar and Wong Kwong Tin). Further evidence of translations of the tape in use on the machines at the Radio Telegraph Office and Wagan was given by Mr. F. A. Kemp, Government telegraph engineer.

Witness stated that there was no record of "repeat" on the Wagan tape between the hours of 3 and 4 a.m., but there were several "repeats" recorded in connection with the 4.42 a.m. message.

After examining the translations, the Coroner suggested that there seemed to have been a refusal on the part of the operator at R.T.O. to take down the message, but witness did not agree. He admitted there had been some delay in taking the 3.30 a.m. message, but thought it could not have been more than five minutes.

The Quartermaster On Duty.

Sir P. Lum, a quartermaster of the sunken vessel, stated that he was on duty between midnight and 4 a.m. on January 18th. It was his duty to wait for orders in the wheel house below during the last two hours. At 2.25 a.m. the witness said he was asked by the Second Officer (K. Ching Hui) to go and read the log. This he did and reported that the reading was then 124.

After the Wagan light was sighted, witness could not say if the Second Officer called the Captain. It was the usual practice for the officer on watch to call the Captain himself.

When the ship struck between 3.30 and 3.40 a.m., witness was in the wheel house where he could not see ahead, and therefore he did not know whether or not the ship was on a dangerous course. So far as witness was aware there had been no alteration in the course. As soon as the grounding occurred, witness roused the crew and went on the bridge where he assisted in sending distress signals. The Captain and the other quartermaster were there, but he did not see the Second Officer.

Witness noticed that the starboard lifeboat No. 3 had already been partly lowered and he got into it by sliding down the falls. There were twenty people in it. Although the boat was supposed to hold thirty or forty people, witness considered that twenty was a safe number seeing that the seas were high and water had already been shipped.

Instructions were given by the Chief Officer to lower the boats, and he actually saw this being done in the case of his own boat. There was another which could not be swung out because it was overloaded with passengers who would not move. Witness did not assist in swinging the boat out as he was sending distress signals. He did not see any members of the crew pushing the passengers away from the boats. In the case of his own boat he was unable to explain the presence of more members of the crew than passengers.

Questioned as to boat drills, witness said this was not done on the voyage to Tsingtao and back to Hong Kong, but drill was carried out on the previous voyage when they were at Canton. It was done with only one boat. All of the crew were old hands, who had served at least two years.

Witness was questioned on a statement that he was asked by the Captain to get into the boat. He said that the Captain ordered him to lower it, but that he had already been done, he got into it. Witness asserted that the Captain told him in English, "quartermaster, you had better get into the boat."

Evidence of Commodore's Secretary.

Evidence of the receipt of the messages that morning by Leading Seaman Courts in charge at the Naval Dockyard office having been given, Pay-Lieut.-Comdr. D. H. Pasmore, Secretary to the Commodore, stated that the first message of the grounding was transmitted to him shortly after it was received at 5 o'clock. Witness and the Chief Staff Officer of H.M.S. Tamar then examined the chart. Knowing that the Taifoo tug had gone, they decided to take no action. The second message conveying the sinking reached witness at 5.30 a.m.

Witness continued that the Admiralty tug on duty that morning would have taken two hours to raise steam. It was a small one, and considering the bad sea it would probably not have been sent out. It would have taken six hours to get a larger tug ready to proceed to Wagan, and considerably longer to get one of the destroyers in harbour ready. There was no arrangement with the Government for rescue in such cases, and no ship is kept in readiness. A destroyer, however, was out that morning and could have been diverted, but it would have taken three hours to get to Wagan. The messages did not indicate the nature of the vessel in distress or whether it carried passengers.

Witness said that the Commodore was advised of the message at 8 a.m. In case the Commodore was not available, the Chief Staff Officer would consult with the Commander of the Dockyard, and he has instructions to despatch assistance. As regards broadcasting of such mishaps, witness said this was not done by H.M. ships but by D'Aguliers.

Obstruction By Panic Stricken Passengers.

The next witness was the bosun, Cheng Ki Sang, who said he had served six years on the vessel. He was roused by the shouts of the quartermaster a few seconds before the ship struck. The grounding occurred while he was running to the boat deck for a lifebuoy. Many passengers were already on the boat deck in a state of great confusion. On the boat and main deck there were 600 lifebuoys, all of which had been served out, and there were also eight rafts.

Witness observed that the No. 1 lifeboat was full of passengers which rendered it impossible to raise it or swing it out. At that moment somebody shouted from the lower deck that No. 3 lifeboat had been lowered, and witness ran there. He had been about half an hour on the boat deck, but neither saw nor heard any of the officers. Witness had also heard that the wheel house on the poop had been carried away. He got into the boat and when daylight came found there were in it sixteen members of the crew including himself and four passengers.

The Coroner remarked that it was a nice thing for a bosun of a ship to do—let the passengers die while the crew escaped. Witness replied that there was no help for it. The seas were so high that there was no time to wait for passengers. Witness said that he could not move the passengers from the No. 1 boat which could not be swung out. Others were swimming round it. He did not cut the ropes which held the boat to the davits to enable it to float away when the ship went down.

Boat's Crew Drive Passengers Away.

Lam Ng, a cargo coolie of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, stated in his evidence that he was one of about 150 passengers in the storeroom. As the alarm that the ship had struck a rock was given they all ran to the main deck. A European there gave witness a lifebelt which he put on. On the (Continued on next column.)

POLICE RESERVES ON PARADE.

A SMART TURN OUT.

COMMENDED BY THE C.S.P.

Yesterday afternoon the Hong Kong Police Reserve were on parade at the compound of the Central Police Station for their annual inspection by the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.

There were about 100 men on parade, drawn up in four companies, the Chinese Reservists, the Indian Reservists, the "Sharpshooters" and the "Flying Squad." Mr. D. L. King, the Commissioner of Police Reserves was in command, with Mr. F. E. Mowfung, A.S.P.R., of the Chinese Company; Mr. S. Sidar Khan, A.S.P.R., of the Indian Company; Mr. E. R. Dovey, A.S.P.R., of the Sharpshooters, and Sub-Inspector B. C. Randle, of the Flying Squad.

The companies carried out a series of exercises with commendable smartness and after being drawn up, each company in two ranks they were inspected by the C.S.P.

Following the inspection, a hollow square was formed, and Mr. Wolfe, in a brief speech, said that he was extremely sorry to have had to call the parade at such short notice but he was leaving for Home shortly and he wished to see the Reservists on parade.

Mr. Wolfe congratulated the Reservists on the extremely good work which they had put in during the year, and in conclusion said that he felt sure that he was voicing the thanks of both the Government and the public, who were very pleased with their services.

boat deck he saw a number of passengers trying to get a boat out on the port side but they did not know how to do it. When witness ran to the starboard side he saw a boat being lowered by members of the crew. They were pushing the passengers back and keeping them away from the boat. Witness was also pulled away, but fought his way through and shipped down a rope into the boat. An hour later witness and the others in the boat were picked up by a fishing junk. He was suffering from cold and was at once put below in the hold.

In answer to questions witness stated that while he was on the boat deck he saw no Europeans except the man who gave him the lifebelt. This European was afterwards assisting in lowering the boats including the one in which witness got away.

Harbour Master As A Witness.

Called as a witness, Lieut.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, the Harbour Master, said he was not aware at present of the existence of any system for automatic broadcasting of occurrences of this kind.

At 4.25 a.m. he was informed that a ship was ashore off Wagan. This information came over the telephone from Mr. Thompson. He was satisfied with the steps taken when he was told that the two Dock Companies and the Naval authorities had been notified, also that a tug was being sent from Taifoo.

It was not until witness reached his office at 9.30 a.m. that he knew of the sinking. He considered that he certainly ought to have been advised about the sinking when the second message was received at the Harbour Office. Seeing the message on the table witness sent for Mr. Thompson and asked whether it had been broadcasted, his great fear at that time being that some ship entering the harbour might run into the wreck. After discussion it was decided that in the circumstances there was no use in broadcasting it at that time.

Speaking about police launches witness said that the No. 4 launch was the largest one at present and she was a good sea boat, but in his opinion there was no police launch sufficiently sea-worthy to stand the full force of a storm. In such cases it would need a sea-going tug like the *Henry Kenwick*. Witness added that for reasons of economy the *Kausing* is not kept under steam except during typhoons.

Steward and Cook To Be Called.

This was all the evidence in the afternoon. Inspector Ogg mentioned that the testimony of the other survivors would be more or less the same as that already given. There was a man who worked as a cook on the vessel present in Court and a steward still in hospital who could be brought at the next hearing.

The question of the capabilities of the Second Officer, who was on watch when the ship grounded, was again brought up. Mr. Watson (who is watching the interests of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, owners of the vessel) stated that he had called to the head office in Shanghai for details and had just received a reply, but it did not give more information than that he had already obtained from the representative who is here. He understood that the Second Officer had studied at a navigation school run by his clients, but he would try to get more details of service.

The proceedings will be resumed this morning and continued in the afternoon.

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NGAN SHING KWAN,
Manager, [7020]
30th January, 1929.

G. R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to
be held on MONDAY, the 4th DAY
of FEBRUARY, 1929, at 3 P.M., at
the Office of the Public Works Department,
Order of His Excellency the Governor,
of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Sham-
shuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong,
for a term of 75 years, commencing
from 1st July, 1898, with the option
of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed
by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King,
for one further term of 24 years less
three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1204	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1184, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan.	2,632	3,346

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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NOTIFICATIONS.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND
FINANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 8th FEBRUARY, 1929, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY, to FRIDAY, 8th FEBRUARY (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1929. [7295]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road on THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1929, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY to THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1929, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd Jan., 1929. [7293]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, fore-
cast and remarks, issued by the
Royal Observatory at 5 p.m.,
stated:—

The anticyclone has increased in
intensity. Depressions are indicated
to the N.E. of Hokkaido and to
the east of the Bonins. Fresh
monsoon will prevail along the S.E.
coast of China and over the north
China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds,
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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 1st, 1929.

UNCLE SAM'S PROSPERITY.

In contemplating the affluent cir-
cumstances in which his neighbours
are living, the impecunious philoso-
pher consoles himself with the re-
fection that "money isn't every-
thing." John Bull, reading in his
paper that Uncle Sam's wealth has
increased more than seven-fold
during the last fifty years, may
smile grimly and say to himself,
"Money isn't everything." Some
confirmation of this view is to be
found on examining American ex-
pressions of opinion upon current
conditions in that country. "Too
much money and too little domes-
ticity" appears to explain the
situation as it appears to keen ob-
servers who cannot be suspected of
anti-American bias since they are
citizens of the Great Republic.

The North American Review in-
forms its readers that 5,000 families
are enjoying an aggregate income
estimated at \$3,000,000,000, to
\$5,000,000,000, and are now occupying
luxurious apartments in fashionable
Park Avenue, New York, renting
them for \$35,000 a year and spend-
ing annually \$20,000,000, or \$4,000
per family. An authoritative es-
timate of the income of an average
American family among income-tax
payers is \$5,500. Three million
people are enjoying incomes which
are taxable. Mr. CARL VINYER, of
the Federal Reserve Bank of New
York, states that American million-
aires have increased from 7,000 in
1914 to 40,000 in 1928, mainly
through stock market manipula-
tion. Mr. STROUD points out
that the fortunes of this nature are
lacking in substantial foundation,
representing no increase in pro-
ductive and useful human activities,
and are apt to be evanescent.

Nevertheless, these figures explain
the popularity of Park Avenue,
Palm Beach, Southampton and
Pasadena.

Now comes a Chicago University
Professor reporting that one out
of every ten Americans is unmarried.
Even among the "grown-ups," he
states, five out of six marry leaving
one who becomes a widow, divorcee,
or bachelor. The great New En-
gland houses with a room for a dozen
children and three maiden aunts
are no longer in existence. New
York advertisements describe the
typical American domicile as con-
sisting of a parlour, a bedroom and
a bath, but no room for cooking or
even keeping food. No wonder
delicatessen stores have increased by
43 per cent. in the last decade,
three times as fast as the popula-
tion has increased. Restaurants
have also increased in the same pro-
portion. In the great mass of
humble homes, both husband and
wife go to work, and home cooking
is vanishing.

There is a French saying to the
effect that the golden age is that
in which gold does not rule. While
Uncle Sam is operating a battery
of adding-machines to check up the
total individual deposits in the
banks (\$30 thousand million dollars
gold), the Parisian of Paris is
tramping through the snow and
slush on the Welsh hills, talking
sympathetically with miners who
have been without work for three
and four years! At the present
time there are nearly one million
and a half men and women in the
country registered as unemployed,
a quarter of a million more than
the number of workless people re-
gistered twelve months ago. This
problem of unemployment will be
the main issue of the coming gen-
eral election in Great Britain. "It is
now generally admitted that this is
not a temporary phenomenon which,
while distressing while it lasts, will
quickly pass away with a revival
of trade. Work must somehow be
found for men who have been en-
gaged in industries which, unfortun-
ately, will not need them again. A
sound and constructive policy to
relieve the terrible distress and
misery will have to be found—mean-
while, on the other side of the
Atlantic, we are told that while
the population of the United States
has doubled in fifty years, the
number of wage-earners has trebled.
No wonder Uncle Sam is prospe-
rous."

Yet there are grounds for anxiety
in the United States. The
National Bank of Commerce, New
York, has called attention to the
perils of prosperity and seems to
have considerable anxiety about the

future. Admittedly, the past year
witnessed a steady advance of ac-
tivity in one line and another;
there are few industries which have
not enjoyed either a substantial re-
covery from past difficulties, or an
expansion to new levels in the
volume of business done. Since this
activity has not outrun actual con-
suming needs, there is reason to
believe that it will be maintained
on a high plane well into the pre-
sent year. The basic price situa-
tion is also notably sound. Com-
modity markets are free of specula-
tive price inflation, and with but
minor exceptions they have been
freed also of these restrictions and
measures of artificial control which
carry a constant threat of disaster
to the industries involved. Em-
ployment has regained a very high
level, and the conjunction of good
wages and good profits is result-
ing not simply in a record volume of
year-end holiday buying, but in the
prospect of a well-stabilized volume
of demand in the new year.

This does not mean that business
enterprise in the United States dur-
ing 1929 will enjoy a respite from
those problems of distribution and
production which are strongly
pressing for solution. In the field
of trade the inexorable progress of
large-scale merchandising, as ex-
emplified in the chain-stores and
other great unified organizations,
will in 1929 compel with new
force the attention of manufactur-
ers, as well as wholesale and
retail distributors. Revolutionary
change in the distributive
mechanism of a nation's goods is
now in full progress in the United
States involves painful as well as
painstaking readjustments. In
manufacture, the great problem is
to attain and hold a nice ratio of
output to the fluctuating volume
of demand. In more and more
lines of American enterprise the
attempt is being made to secure this
adjustment by volitional control
of output rather than by the blind
forces of competitive struggle. De-
sirable as such a method is, the
long record of past failures must
warn against a too-ready hope of
its success. Danger comes from
business that is too good rather
than too poor—from the active de-
mand, rising prices and high profits
that tempt an overjudgment of the
market, leading to increased output
and enlarged capacity that in the
end mean its undoing. It is in
this fact that the most serious
threat to ultimate American pros-
perity lies. The year may start so
well as to cause an over-estimate of
its possibilities.

News and Views.

Eight Chinese cases of small-pox
were reported on Wednesday, 3
from Victoria and 5 from Kowloon.

A concert organised by Mrs. L.
C. F. Bellamy will be given at the
Helena May Institute on Thursday,
February 7th, at 5.30 p.m. Tea
tickets must be booked before
February 6th.

Mr. Justice Wood and Mrs. Wood
and Vice-Admiral Waistell and Mrs.
Waistell were among the passengers
arriving here yesterday by the a.s.
Macedonia from London. A full
list of passengers is published in
our shipping pages.

A warrant has been issued for the
arrest of Wong Yat Cho, for the
alleged conversion of the proceeds
of the sale of two diamonds, valued
at \$1,000, which were entrusted to
him for disposal by the manager of
the Kwan On Pawnshop.

A Chinese woman pleaded guilty
to a charge of stealing a suit case
and 17 pieces of clothing from No.
40, Yat Tak Road, Kowloon City,
at the Kowloon Magistracy before
Mr. E. W. Hamilton. She was sen-
tenced to six weeks' hard labour.

The Rev. Father Byrne, S.J., will
distribute University Certificates to
the successful candidates of the
French Convent School, Causeway
Bay, on Thursday, February 7th,
at 4 p.m. All parents and friends
of the pupils are cordially invited.

This evening St. Paul's College
is holding its annual Prize Dis-
tribution which will be com-
bined with a Farewell function in
honour of Mr. Evan Stewart.
Owing to the uncertain weather the
function takes place in the hall of
the new St. Paul's Girls' School.
Dr. Tao will distribute the certifi-
cates.

The cashier of the Prince Cafe
has reported to the Police that two
Chinese went to the cafe, and after
a meal to the value of \$2, they pur-
chased a box of chocolate, and ten-
dered a note, alleged to have been
issued by the Imperial Bank of
Canada, for payment. They were
given \$27.18 change. When the
cashier took the note to a money-
changers he was informed that it
was a forgery.

"I ran because it was raining,"
said a young Chinese to Mr. E. W.
Hamilton at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy yesterday when he was charged
with snatching a hand-bag and a
piece of silk from a Chinese
woman. Sgt. Mottram told his
Worship that after snatching the
articles, defendant ran and was
eventually caught by two Portu-
guese with the stolen goods in his
hands. Defendant was sentenced
to six months' hard labour and 15
strokes of the birch.

The body of a Chinese, believed
to be a victim of the a.s. Hain Wah
disaster, was washed into Aberdeen
Harbour yesterday.

British Politics.

The result of the bye-election at
North Midlothian illustrates very
clearly the uncertainty of the
political situation in Great Britain,
to which reference was made in our
editorial columns yesterday. At the
last election the Conservative and
Labour candidates had a straight
fight, the former receiving 11,300
votes and the latter 9,173. The ap-
pearance of a Liberal in the field
undoubtedly attracted a number of
votes formerly polled for the Con-
servative and Labour candidates,
while the appearance of yet a
fourth aspirant made matters still
more complicated. The champion
of Home Rule for Scotland only
polled 843 votes, and his appear-
ance probably affected the Liberal
and Labour poll more than the Con-
servative. The total votes polled
were 2,000 less than at the previous
election, and over nine to less
than eight thousand, the Conserva-
tive poll dropped from over eleven
to less than seven thousand. The
Liberal candidate's appearance took
away more than 3,000 votes from
the two rival parties, and the Con-
servative suffering more by this
transfer than the Labour man, the
latter wins the seat. Here is an-
other example of the incongruity of
the British electoral system. A man
whose supporters number 7,917 re-
presents a constituency of actually
people, 11,000 of whom have actually
voted against him! We shall see
many similar anomalies when the
general election is fought. Attentive
readers are called to the omission of
a line from our editorial article
yesterday. The reference to the
Liberal determination to fight every
constituency where there appears to
be a chance of success should have
read:—"Opponents on the Right
and Left may regard Liberalism as
a political nuisance, but Liberals
regard themselves as a political
force which, temporarily weakened,
will come back into the arena after
the next election with the power
as well as the will to justify its
existence." The words italicised
were inadvertently dropped out.

Ready Thunder.

There was really no occasion for
Senator Reed to talk in thunder-
ous tones when he told "a thrilled
and packed house" in Congress
that plans for sinking the American
Navy are in the possession of every
nation. If the U.S. Senate is
thrilled by such commonplaces, then
the gentlemen sitting in that Cham-
ber must be a very ingenious body
of men. Every Naval Staff has
plans in its pocket for sinking
every other navy afloat—that is
what Naval Staffs are for! Surely
Senator Reed was not under the
impression that the Admiralties of
the world spend their time plan-
ning pleasure cruises. In the Navy
Department at Washington—a
stone's throw from the place where
Senator Reed "thundered"—there
will be a collection of "carefully
drawn plans" for sinking all the
navies of the world—not collective-
ly, of course. Does anybody rise in
the House of Commons to "thun-
der" such news at a "thrilled"
assembly of astonished and terrified
legislators? The answer is in the
negative. We do not believe many
American citizens will be stamp-
eded by Senator Reed's outburst
about warlike preparations by
Europe and Japan. So long as
armies and navies are maintained,
so long must warlike preparations
be made in order to keep them
efficient. As for the "whimpering
and wallowing" of internationalists,
well, there is more to be looked
for from their activities than from
the blether and ballyhoo of "bom-
bastic politicians." On another
page of this issue, appears an in-
teresting interview with Lady
Astor, and we should very much
like to know that able woman's
opinion of her fellow-countryman's
"thunderous" outburst. The de-
bate now opening in the U.S.
Senate is a very important one, the
result of which will have a strong
reaction—for better or worse—upon
Anglo-American relations. Friend-
ship and sympathetic understand-
ing between these two great nations
means much more than a mere
association of English-speaking
peoples. It means the establish-
ment of relations between two
nations more frank and candid
than ever has been or can be estab-
lished by a diplomatic instrument.
Good-will and understanding be-
tween Britain and the United
States means that the two strongest
Powers in the world—whose peoples
have much the same good qualities
and high ideals, with individual
exceptions in the Legislatures of
both—can throw their tremendous
influence on the side of truth and
justice when a crisis comes in world
affairs. Senator Reed need not
tremble in his bed, after his ex-
hausting thunders in the Senate,
wondering whether the U.S. Navy
will be sunk and his country in-
vaded before the dawn. He is just
as safe from British bombardment
as Big Ben is from American shells
and the "whimpering walling"
internationalists in both countries
want to see that same security ex-
tended throughout the wide world.

ARMED GANG
STEALS \$40,000.DAYLIGHT RAID AT CASTLE
ROAD.CHINESE LADY'S BOLD
FRONT.

At 2.30 yesterday afternoon a
gang of five men raided No. 10,
Castle Road, in the Cause Road
area, where a widow named Wong
Leung Sze resides with her daugh-
ter-in-law, two grandsons and a
grand-daughter. All the family
jewels, worth nearly \$40,000, were
stolen.

The family occupy all the floors
of the house and the men got in
easily by the main door on the
ground floor which had been left
open. One of the aunts in the
house went up to the second floor
with her mistress to get some in-
digo to dye some clothes. While the
mistress was opening the wardrobe
she noticed, reflected in the mirror
of the door, two men who had
followed the servant from the
ground floor. One man was carry-
ing two revolvers and the other a
dagger. The mistress turned round,
and, showing great presence of
mind began to question the men
as to what they thought they were
doing. One of them replied,
"One of them had 'come to
borrow \$100.'"

This explanation was followed by
an attack on the women, who were
the only inmates of the house at the
time. Threatening to shoot them
if they offered any resistance, the
other three members of the gang
rushed in and bound and gagged
the two women with strips of
material torn from the bed. These
three men were also armed with
revolvers and daggers. While some
kept watch at the verandah the
others ransacked the house.

A sum of \$300 in money was
taken from the mistress and all her
jewellery. Still undaunted she at-
tempted to put the robbers off when
they asked for the key of the safe,
saying that one of her relatives had
got it but a robber saw the key
hanging from her girdle and re-
moved it. All the family jewels
were in the safe which the robbers
then opened.

Diamond Rings.

Among the things stolen were
forty-one articles of jewellery in-
cluding expensive diamond rings
worth \$14,500. Various other ar-
ticles of jewellery and ornaments
stolen are valued at \$25,000. In
addition the gang took \$350 in
money, or a total of roughly
\$40,000.

The robbers escaped in the direc-
tion of Cause Road without aroun-
g suspicion outside. It is stated
that they abandoned two daggers
in their flight.

An Amah Suspected.

An amah who suddenly made up
her mind to leave her employment
on Wednesday is suspected by the
mistress of being in league with
the robber gang.

OBITUARY.

ADMIRAL SIR LOWTHER
GRANT.

FORMER C.-IN-C. IN CHINA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 31st.

The death occurred yesterday at
the age of 64 of Admiral Sir Low-
ther Grant, who during the war held
active command in the Grand Fleet
in China and in North American
waters.

Admiral Sir William Lowther
Grant, K.C.B., entered the Navy
in 1877. He served in the Boer War
and was mentioned in despatches,
being promoted captain in 1900.

In 1905-6 he acted as naval ad-
viser to the Army Council and from
1908-9 he was Assistant to the Direc-
tor of Naval Intelligence, when he
was created Rear-Admiral.

At the beginning of the War he
commanded the

NOT A DIPLOMATIC VICTORY.

JAPAN'S TARIFF AGREEMENT.

PROMOTION FOR YADA?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Jan. 31st.

Beyond reiterating that Nanking under the tariff agreement recognizes the legality of unsecured loans and agrees to pay back 5,000,000 yen as a first instalment in return for Japan's recognition of the interim tariff, official circles are unable to reveal any details of the text of the tariff agreement owing to China's request to withhold publication. The spokesman however vouchsafed the remark, "It is certainly not a diplomatic victory for Japan."

It is intimated that the agreement is restricted to recognition of the interim tariff only, and does not recognize complete autonomy, though it is hoped that a commercial treaty granting recognition will be concluded before the expiry of the year limit.

Discussing the progress of Mr. Yoshizawa's negotiations, the spokesman said that no one was in a position to say anything official, though he expressed personal optimism that a satisfactory settlement of the Tainan and other outstanding questions would be reached in the near future.

It is reported, apparently reliably, that Mr. Aoi Shigemitsu, formerly secretary of the Peking Legation, will succeed Mr. Yada who will be transferred to a higher post.

First Note Rejected.

NANKING, Jan. 31st.

The Japanese Consul, Mr. Okamoto, called on Dr. C. T. Wang at the Foreign Office this morning and officially notified the Nationalist Government of Japan's acceptance and approval of China's note announcing tariff autonomy and the enforcement of the new tariff schedule on February 1st.

It is now disclosed that the original note sent to Japan was rejected, and a new note with minor revisions was delivered and accepted. The second note expressed the hope that Japan would not interfere with the enforcement of the new tariff.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 30th.

Britain's attitude to China's claims for treaty revision was partly disclosed in the House of Commons today when, at question time, the Foreign Secretary was asked whether the Government proposed to open negotiations for the revision of existing treaties with China.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Government was now giving consideration to the whole subject.

Tariff Accepted.

Reuter has been authoritatively informed that whilst formal ratification of the Sino-British tariff treaty may not be completed by February 1st, His Majesty's Government have informed the Chinese Government that they accept the introduction of the new tariff as from that date.

THE NEW SCHEDULE.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

The Shanghai Customs House has announced that the existing Customs schedule will be abolished on the afternoon of the 31st inst., while the new schedule will become effective on February 1st. All imported Japanese goods will be subject to the new schedule.

HANKOW SETTLEMENT.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

The Nanking Ministry has instructed the Foreign Commission of Hankow that the Hankow incident must be settled locally with the Japanese consular authorities.

It is reported from Hankow that negotiations for the purpose will open shortly.

Pickets Maintained.

The Hankow situation remains quiet. Picketing on the boundaries of the Japanese Concession is still being carried on, but without incident. It is now hoped that with the establishment of amicable relations at Nanking local questions will be satisfactorily settled before long.

LITTLE CHANGE.

Naval wireless messages state that there is little change in the situation as regards the Japanese at Hankow. All is quiet in the Concessions, ships are being loaded and unloaded, and apart from the boycott, there is little change from conditions which have been prevailing during the past twelve months.

It is reported from Chungking that General Mo Yang is now back at Nanking and that the Lushan forces are being driven back on Chungking by General Yang Sen and his associated generals.

CHANG TSO LIN'S DEATH.

WAS JAPAN RESPONSIBLE?

A STORMY DEBATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Jan. 31st.

The unsuccessful attempt to force the Government to publish the results of the investigations into Chang Tso Lin's death reached a climax this afternoon in the warm debate hitherto raised by this subject in the Lower House.

The Minister of Education demanding that the Government reveal all available information was voted down by 220 votes to 193, the Seiyukai showing an united front against the motion.

Gross Negligence.

The resolution followed a speech charging the Government with gross negligence in the failure to investigate the matter fully while the evidence was fresh, and also declared that the Government in view of its proclamation on May 18th, promising the maintenance of peace and order in Manchuria, must be responsible for Chang Tso Lin's death.

Mr. Kamei, the Proletarian, alleged that the Government received a Meiden report implicating Japanese in the bombing, but Baron Tanaka denied this. Mr. Kamei then asked if it would be disadvantageous to Japan to publish the report drawn up by Count Uchida, the Consul at Mukden, to which Mr. Mori, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that it would be disadvantageous in view of the existing circumstances.

The substance of Baron Tanaka's replies to all charges was that the authorities are still investigating, and publication would still be premature.

NEW CUSTOMS POST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

A Dutchman, A. J. Commins, who has been in the Customs service since 1897, has been appointed to the new post of financial secretary of the Inspector-General of Maritime Customs with the rank of Commissioner.

DELEGATE CONFERENCE.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

Arrangements are being made by the Nanking State Council for holding the 3rd Kuomintang Delegate Conference. A provisional secretariat has been formed. It has been also decided to hold a special meeting to draw up regulations governing the calling and procedure of the conference.

TRAFFIC DELAYS.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

A series of irregularities in connection with passenger traffic on the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow railways is alleged, according to a statement from the Railway Department, to be due to the incompetence of a foreign officer in charge of the coal under the department.

The Railway Department has ordered the dismissal of this officer, and his place will be given to a Chinese.

LI LIEH CHUN SAFE.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

According to official information from Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi, Ningwu is now quite peaceful and the Communists have been driven out. General Li Lieh Chun is safe.

PEI'S RESIGNATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Jan. 31st.

Pei Chung Hsi has wired to Chiang Kai Shek and Li Tsung Jen, again tendering his resignation and requesting a prolonged rest in Kwangsi to recuperate his health.

SUN YAT SEN'S FUNERAL.

PARTICIPATION OF THE LEGATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Jan. 31st.

It is believed that all the Legations will participate in Sun Yat Sen's funeral ceremonies. Most of the Ministers will probably go in person to Nanking, accompanied by other members of the Legations, while the Legation flag will be flown at half-mast.

Sun Fo is expected here about February 20th for the opening ceremony of removing the remains from the Western Hills to the train.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31st.

Mrs. Sun Yat Sen arrived at Peking on the 29th inst. She has telegraphed to a high official of the Nanking Government stating that when Dr. Sun Yat Sen's remains are conveyed to Nanking she will follow.

PLANS TO SINK U.S. NAVY.

BLOOD AND THUNDER IN THE SENATE.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS IN EUROPE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31st.

"The war colleges of every nation possess carefully drawn plans to sink the United States Navy and invade our country."

These words were thundered by Senator Reed to a thrilled and packed House on the eve of the Senate's vote on the battle between President Coolidge and the "Big Navy Fana."

Regarding the provision contained in the Navy Bill that the construction of fifteen cruisers be started within two years, President Coolidge wants the time limit eliminated.

Senator Reed denounced "the whimpering and wallowing of the internationalists" and alleged that warlike preparations were being made in Europe and Japan.

TWO CHURCHES JOIN FORCES.

PRESBYTERIAN AND METHODIST COMBINE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 31st.

Delegates of the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal Churches, with an aggregate membership of six millions, have reached an agreement to join forces, and have appointed committees to arrange the procedure. Afterwards the plan will require the ratification of both churches.

MERGER OF TEXTILE FIRMS.

GIGANTIC OUTPUT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 31st.

The Commercial Investment Trust has acquired the firm of textile factors, Frederick Victor and Achelis Incorporated, which will be merged with the Peierls Buhler Company to handle jointly the output of 150 mills, with annual sales of \$100,000,000.

PREVENTION OF DRUG TRAFFIC.

DUTCH FIRM'S DEFENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Jan. 30th.

At the instance of Sir Malcolm Delevingne, the British representative, the Opium Commission has adopted a proposal that all firms proved to have been exporting large quantities of drugs, and whose names have figured in the several confiscation cases reported to the hall be pilloried and mentioned in the Commission's report to the Council of the League of Nations.

A message from Amsterdam in this connection states that the directors of the Naarden factory, which was mentioned at the League meeting a few days ago as involved in a most serious case of contraband drug operations, have issued a statement to the Press indicating their defence.

The directors of the firm include six of the most prominent and most reputable business men in the Netherlands, and they declare that they have not infringed the Dutch law as the authorities have not prohibited export to China.

The Minister of Commerce of the Dutch Government has now issued special regulations for the export of narcotics.

It was reported at the League meeting that 3,500 lbs. of heroin was exported to Holland from Switzerland, and re-exported in the course of a year.

FIRM TREATMENT FOR MUTINEERS.

SPANISH REVOLT QUELLED.

FORMER PREMIER ARRESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, Jan. 30th.

The former Premier, Senor Sanchez Guerra, has been arrested at Torres de Cuarte in Valencia, and is now detained in a military prison there. It is believed that the arrest follows the discovery of the plot which proved abortive on Monday night, and he may be accused of conspiring against the Government.

He was frequently mentioned at the time of the discovery of the September plot to overthrow the Dictator, General Primo de Rivera, whose opponents regard Sanchez Guerra as the Dictator's successor.

Further details are available showing the means taken to quell the outbreak at Ciudad Real.

Leaflets were dropped on the town from an aeroplane, bearing the message: "The whole of Spain is quiet. Surrender immediately and return to barracks. Otherwise you will be bombarded to-morrow."

Half an hour later, the rebel troops withdrew their guns and returned to their barracks.

The civil authorities returned to their posts, and normal life has been resumed.

A LINK WITH THE CONTINENT.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME.

FURTHER PLANS REVEALED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 30th.

The very real interest that is being taken in the Channel Tunnel project was illustrated to-day when a meeting called by the Parliamentary Committee dealing with the matter was attended by over a hundred Members of Parliament.

Sir William Bull was in the chair, and Baron D'Erlanger, the senior partner of the famous engineering firm, Erlangers, was specially invited to be present.

Baron D'Erlanger estimated the cost of the tunnel at £30,000,000, which would, he said, include the cost of a drainage tunnel, twelve feet in diameter, which would have to be built first and would take two and a half years, and then the cost of complete twin tunnels from coast to coast.

These would be twenty feet in diameter and would take four years.

Sir William Bull said that the construction of the tunnel would be jointly undertaken by two companies, one British and one French, while there would be a third holding company with the League of Nations.

An executive committee was appointed to examine all objections to the scheme.

10 Per Cent. Per Annum.

Baron D'Erlanger said that if it were estimated that annually 4,000,000 passengers were carried through the tunnel, paying the tariff now charged for the Channel crossing, a gross income of £3,000,000 would result. It ought to be possible to run the tunnel on an annual expenditure of £1,000,000 and there would be at least £2,000,000 paid annually in freight receipts. Thus there would be a net income of £2,000,000 a year—10 per cent. return on the capital of £20,000,000.

THE KING.

NO CHANGE TO REPORT.

No bulletin regarding the King was issued to-day, but it was officially stated this morning that there was no change to report in His Majesty's condition.

The Queen is expected to visit Craigwell House, Bognor, this afternoon to supervise the arrangements which are being made in preparation for the King's visit.

Almost Out Of Danger.

Wednesday's bulletin is regarded as one of the most definitely favourable bulletins yet issued, and it is generally considered that His Majesty is almost out of danger.

It is understood that the date for the issue of the next bulletin has not yet been decided, but from now on bulletins will be issued only at considerable intervals, probably only about once a week.

DOMINIONS' VIEWS EXAMINED.

THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

ONE REPLY LACKING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 30th.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, was asked whether all the replies were now to hand from the several Dominion Governments on the subject of the American draft of a new Arbitration Treaty between the United States and Great Britain.

Sir Austen replied that the Government had not received the answer of one of the Dominion Governments to the enquiries addressed to all of them last March, and the considered reply of two other Dominion Governments was only received during the last few weeks.

In this connection, it should be remembered that the attention of our Governments was for a considerable part of last year concentrated on the negotiations for the Renunciation of War, which it was necessary to bring to a successful conclusion before taking up more closely the Arbitration Treaty.

The British Government were now engaged in a careful examination and comparison of the observations of the Dominion Governments, as well as of the material which they themselves had collected. They attached the highest importance to obtaining a complete agreement among all His Majesty's Governments, and further exchanges of opinion would be necessary before they could send a definite reply to America.

He might add that this Treaty was of great importance, as it would presumably form a model for many others.

HARDSHIPS OF THE MINERS.

GHASTLY CONDITIONS.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 30th.

As Patron of the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales continued his tour of the distressed coalfield districts in the North of England to-day, visiting the mining villages of Northumberland. He was visibly distressed by some of the signs of poverty that he saw.

Seldom did the people realise that their visitor was the Prince until he told them so. Sometimes he waited until a complete list of necessities had been made out before moving on.

He emerged from one cottage remarking that he was sadly astonished that human beings should live in such squalor, and wherever he went he took note of the occupants' principal needs.

The Prince, on entering one of the cottages, remarked:—"This is positively ghastly."

To this, the cottager replied:—"It is better than nothing. We at least have a roof over our heads, although we could do with some bed-clothes, of which we have none."

Terrible Conditions.

The Prince took away the time-sheets of the Cramlington pits, showing that many of the men's wages averaged only seven shillings weekly.

He conversed with a man who was blinded in a colliery accident three years ago and who has now received notice of his ejection from his cottage. The man said he did not know where he was going, and added:—"I am almost past caring."

A bright spot in the situation is the Wallend Training Centre, where 40 young miners are undergoing artisan training under the labour transference scheme.

The Prince abandoned his intention of lunching at Morpeth, where he lunched off sandwiches in a colliery.

Searching Inspection.

January 31st.

The Prince of Wales finished ten hours of the most strenuous inspection of conditions in distressed Northumberland mining villages yesterday with a game of squash rackets at Newcastle yesterday evening. He started the third day of his tour this morning looking fit and well despite his exacting investigations, in which there has been nothing superficial.

The Prince has delved beneath the surface and has deliberately unmasked any attempt to hide poverty from him, entering the cottages, talking to the wives and examining the boots and clothes of the children. At the pits he has demanded to see the pay sheets and has closely questioned colliery officials to ascertain why some of the wages, in his words, were "so incredibly small."

He is visiting to-day the Bishop Auckland area where distress is very acute.

LABOUR COMMITTEE ON TRADE.

FINAL REPORT COMPLETED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 31st.

The final report of the committee appointed by the Labour Government in 1924 to undertake an exhaustive survey of trade and industry in Britain has now been completed and will be published next month. The committee, which was presided over by Sir Arthur Ball, the four of Sheffield, has already issued a number of interim reports dealing with various sections of the country's industries, but a number of recommendations have been reserved until the final report. At the report, which is now in the hands of the Government, embodies conclusions reached after prolonged inquiries, its publication will be awaited with great interest.

The committee were at the outset informed of a number of trades on which investigation was especially desired. The first point sought was the present position of British Overseas trade and the prospect of British participation in the markets of the world, so as to ensure sufficient and continuous employment and a satisfactory standard of living for the people of the country. Another subject was the ability of British industry to meet the growing competition of foreign nations and to adapt itself to changes in the nature of the overseas demand.

THE POSITION IN AFGHANISTAN.

BRITISH FRONTIER GARRISONS.

TRIBES STAND FAST.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 30th.

Some of the alarm created by the reports that two of the giant troop-carrying planes engaged in the evacuation of Europeans from Afghanistan had met with disaster, has been dispelled by an authoritative statement to the effect that only one of the Victoria troop-carrying machines which started from Peshawar for Kabul yesterday is missing.

Reconnaissance machines have failed to trace the machine or its occupants, and it will be difficult to find if it crashed as it appears to have been forced down in mountainous country.

A Hindustani machine which started with the troop-carrying machine flew at the aerodrome at Kabul, but has been held up owing to lack of sparking plugs.

Foreign Office Opened.

It is learned that the Foreign Office at Kabul has been re-opened, and that the Amir Habibullah is maintaining friendly relations with all Legations.

All foreigners are courteously and impartially treated by Afghan officials.

India is placed in a most difficult position as the authorities are receiving contradictory instructions with regard to the supply of lorries and the sending of remittances, etc. from three conflicting Governments at Kabul, Kandahar and Jalalabad.

Frontier Garrisons.

New Delhi.

Sir Denys Bray in a statement to the Assembly regarding the situation in Afghanistan declared that not a single soldier or gun had been moved to the frontier: the daily life of the frontier garrisons remained undisturbed. All the tribes remained steady though individual tribesmen were unable to resist the strong natural impulse to enter the turmoil on one side or another. The tribesmen's support, however, was being canvassed by adherents of the three Governments at Kandahar, Kabul and Jalalabad, and the efforts of the British frontier officers were taxed to prevent headstrong tribal action and compel observance of the Government policy of scrupulous non-interference.

British Attitude.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Labour leader, asked the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons to-day for a statement regarding the attitude the British Government proposed to adopt towards the present disturbances in Afghanistan.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied: "The Government has no intention of interfering in the internal affairs of Afghanistan by supporting or assisting any of the parties at present contending for power in that country."

"The British Government earnestly desire the establishment of a strong central government and will be prepared when that government is established to draw their friendship for the Afghan people by giving such assistance as they can in the reconstruction and development of the country."

"King Amanullah has formally announced his abdication to the British Government, and, in consequence, until it is clear that despite his abdication he is regarded as their King by the people of Afghanistan generally, the British Government will be unable to regard his government as the rightful Afghan Government."

British Respected.

Asked what had been the attitude of the Afghan factions towards the British Mission or Consulates, Sir Austen said that the various parties had all respected the sanctity of the British Legation at Kabul, although considerable material damage was done to the buildings in December when the Legation lay in the line of fire between the forces of King Amanullah and Habibullah Khan.

Similarly, the position of the British Consul at Jalalabad appeared to have been respected by all parties although there had been a report, not confirmed, that the Consulate had suffered damage in the course of the disturbances. No disturbances had taken place in the area of the British Consulate at Kandahar.

German Nationals.

Replying to a question regarding the rescue of German nationals from Kabul by British aircraft, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had received from the German Ambassador an expression of his warm thanks for the services rendered and the German Government had similarly expressed their thanks to the British Ambassador in Berlin in the following communication: "They would take the opportunity of expressing to His Majesty's Government their sincere thanks for the assistance rendered by them and by the Indian Government, in rescuing German women and children from Kabul in most difficult circumstances. The German Government requests that their thanks may also be conveyed to the Government of India."

Telegram in Brief.

Major Segrave sailed from Southampton to-day for America, where he will make attempts upon the land and sea speed records.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that no special instructions had been issued to the British representative in Belgrade regarding relations with the new regime in Jugoslavia.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Foreign Secretary said that instructions are being sent to the British Ambassador in Lisbon to request the Portuguese Government to order a revision of the case of Mr. Brewer, second officer of the steamer Clan Lamont. After arrest on a charge of the theft of £1, Mr. Brewer was imprisoned for nine months while awaiting trial in Portuguese West Africa, and was then condemned to 300 days' imprisonment and £18 fine, or another 90 days' imprisonment.

Wireless telephone communication between Holland and Buenos Aires is being opened to the public on February 4th.

At the price of one Mark, Professor Einstein has published a new work on which he has been engaged for at least ten years, continuing his research in spite of long periods of illness. The new work consists of a six page pamphlet entitled "Zur Einheitlichen Feldtheorie" and it is believed to embody a new comprehensive cosmic philosophy. Its terminology and abundant mathematical formulae are incomprehensible to the ordinary layman, and it is described by an eminent scientist as a "very hard nut to crack." It requires careful study by the most expert of mathematicians to be understood.

IRAQ'S NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER.

VISIT TO ANGORA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 31st.

Sir Gilbert Clayton, who is to succeed Sir Henry Dobbs as High Commissioner for Iraq, left London yesterday for Baghdad. On his way he will visit Constantinople and Angora to meet General Pasha and members of the Turkish Cabinet, afterwards proceeding to Syria where he will meet the French High Commissioner and the authorities in Damascus and Beirut. He will also confer with Sir John Chancellor, the British High Commissioner in Jerusalem and will later meet the Emir Abdullah Amman. The journey from Amman to Baghdad will be made by air.

HIGH COUNCIL'S MISTAKE.

HEARING FOR GENERAL BOOTH.

DECISION BY MR. JUSTICE EVE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 30th.

General Bramwell Booth has succeeded in his first measure against the decision of the High Council of the Salvation Army to remove him from office, his claim for an injunction being granted by Mr. Justice Eve in the Chancery Division, the injunction to stand until the Council had listened to what the General had to say.

Summing-up, Mr. Justice Eve expressed the opinion that the High Council had made a mistake, doubtless quite innocently, but not giving General Booth an opportunity of attending personally or by representative to explain why he resisted the Council's attitude.

This mistake could be righted as the High Council had not yet broken up.

The injunction, therefore, must be limited in order that there should be nothing to prevent the Council from immediately rectifying their mistake, and ultimately adjudicating in the matter.

He granted the application on these terms, and it is anticipated that the High Council will resume its sittings at Sunbury Court within a few days to give the General an opportunity of stating his case.

Position Strengthened.

In Salvation Army circles it is stated that the next step to be taken regarding the leadership question, in view of Mr. Justice Eve's judgment in the Chancery Court yesterday, will be the appointment of a date on which the High Council will be prepared to receive General Booth's representative, whether legal or lay. Members of the High Council express the opinion that its position is strengthened by the Court decision, as by hearing General Booth's representative they would be acquitted of any appearance of injustice. Having corrected their perfectly innocent mistake, they would be free to vote again on the resolution and if it was carried to proceed to the election of a new General.

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The WOMAN'S PAGE

THE VOGUE FOR BLACK AND WHITE.

THE WOMAN IN THE THIRTIES.

SOME MAGPIE FROCKS FROM PAMELA.

The early spring has brought a decided vogue for black and white. There is, perhaps, nothing more universally becoming than a magpie ensemble be it for afternoon, evening, for the morning promenade to which French women pay so much attention.

Black is, of course, well understood to be a good standby and charming on young and old alike, but the not-quite-so-young woman is better served by an ensemble which introduces white. The reason is obvious. Both the very young and the old have a decided charm of their own, and just as the fresh bloom of a young complexion, especially if it be accompanied by golden or titian hair, is made still more delicate by the contrast of black, so is the softness of white hair and a face crossed by the fine lines of years and experience. But in between these ages comes the period when complexions have to be served by art, when hair no longer golden is not yet white, and the lines which will in time give character, are merely distressing signals of yet another year added to the sum of birthdays.

Unrelieved black on the not quite so young woman serves to emphasise just what she would seek to hide, but when combined with white it gives her distinction and emphasises the particular charm of a woman who has learnt the meaning of life and knows how to face existence with dignity and confidence.

"The dangerous thirties" is no empty phrase, for it is between the ages of thirty-five and fifty that

most women, if they are blessed with intelligence as well as reasonably good looks, are at their most charming.

Black and white is, of course, always in vogue, but it has definitely been adopted as the chic colour scheme for the early spring of 1929, and Pamela has just received some very smart and attractive magpie dresses for afternoon and evening wear.

For example, an afternoon dress in heavy black silk marocaine relieved with white satin. The black is used for a coat dress, opening over a white satin slip. The coat is belted in at the waist forming a deep V from the shoulders and falling apart below the waist again to show the under slip of white satin. The skirt of the overdress, or suit, is beautifully cut in one piece with circular gogets on either front, and dips at the sides. This side dip is more generally becoming and newer than the back dip which, except for evening wear with the "peacock" line, has almost gone out. The sleeves are finished with deep gauntlet cuffs edged with white, and the long surplice ends of the collar, which fall nearly to the knees, are also banded with white. The bodice is cut with a deep yoke. An interesting note in the finishing of the white slip which is cut to a V at the bottom and bordered with black to get a straight hem line. The skirt of the slip thus repeats the line exposed by the coat above the belt.

The importance of the V line is emphasised again in an evening gown of black and white satin

which is designed on asymmetrical lines. The bodice is half black and half white, the latter, however, appearing more as an underlap since the black half is joined above it on the hip. The skirt, of a truly inspired cut, again hints at the V line and falls in a point at either side.

Another evening gown is made of black satin, the white being introduced as a lining to the skirt and the large bow with sash ends on the left hip. The skirt is similar in cut to that last described. Embroidery in silver and diamond beads on the right shoulder and hip, completes a gown which would be very smart indeed on a woman of some years and distinction.

One more afternoon frock. This is of black and white silk marocaine, and also on coat frock lines, although made in one piece. The chief interest is in the clever arrangement of the hips, where applied flat tucks are arranged in a most attractive sunburst effect in front leading up to a paste buckle.

Coming apparently from under the "sunburst" is a full circular panel in the front of the skirt. It is, however, cut in one with the rest of the skirt. White is introduced by means of a neat little collar and jacket of finely pleated georgette.

There are, too, some exceedingly smart afternoon ensembles in the new stone beige and black, another colour combination, which is going to be very good this Spring, but I have not space to describe them this week. A number of very attractive frocks of printed silk foulard for the races have also arrived.

SILVER, GREEN, AND SUNSET PINK.

THREE EVENING GOWNS AND SOME JUMPER SUITS.

A VISIT AU PETIT LOUVRE.

I often wonder what is the peculiar fascination of exquisite clothes. Everyone, man and woman, old and young, foolish and wise, feels it; and, though perhaps we may envy her, somehow, everyone likes to see a really well dressed woman. Even in the Bible the "raiment of needle work" of the King's daughter is spoken of as being one of the glories of the realm.

Another curious fact is that no one is much more genuinely enthusiastic about clothes than those whose business it is to sell them, even if they themselves cannot afford to wear the model gowns which they show to others. They say that people who work in sweet shops or factories very soon lose all taste for candy, but the same certainly cannot be said of vendeuses or mannequins in a dress establishment.

The explanation is, I believe, that clothes to-day are so beautiful and varied in cut and texture, that each new-comer is hailed with as much joy as the ardent flower grower feels at the opening of a new blossom. Certainly I who see very many of them never fail to await eagerly each new shipment, which brings me to my subject, the three new evening gowns which saw this week Au Petit Louvre.

One is almost a bride dress, an exquisite gown for the debutante or young girl made of white net and silk lace threaded with silver.

It is cut with a tight fitting "June" bodice and a very full long skirt, longest, of course, at the sides. The lace in panels of about 4 inches wide, is inset round bodice and skirt in wide scallopes, those on the bodice curving up just in front and at the back of the shoulders and three of the skirt following the same line. A falling spray of pink flowers is set just in front of the left shoulder.

More sophisticated is an exquisite gown of apple green georgette with a hip girle and big butterfly worked in tiny silver and diamond beads. The skirt is very full, long, and falls in points.

The third frock is a robe de style of true sunset pink, shot taffetas. On the very full skirt are applied flowers and leaves, also of taffetas, in beige and green, stitched on with gold thread and a little embroidery. The bustle bow appears on the left hip.

I was also shown some charming and original silk jumper suits for the races, or afternoon wear. A description of two of them will, I think, suffice. Both have knife pleated skirts. One is dark jade green. The sleeveless jumper, of georgette, is embroidered in large diamonds alternately darned with green silk and embroidered with black and gold spots. The other suit has a red pleated skirt with a white jumper which is embroidered with the bottom with red and gold flowers.



Pink Pique Fashions a Sleeveless Tennis Frock. The Neckline Piped in White is Interesting, as are the Short Cap Sleeves.

YOUR HOME AND MINE.

A GOOD HAMMER!

Ham is not made as much use of as it should be in cookery. Try this: Melt half-a-tablespoonful of butter in a shallow pan, then fry therein a small shallot chopped quite finely until it is a delicate brown. Stir in half-an-ounce of flour, and let slowly cook, stirring all the while. When this, too, is a delicate brown, add a breakfast-cupful of milk, bring the lot to the boil, and simmer for a quarter of an hour. Then add a teaspoonful of made mustard, the same quantity of Worcestershire sauce, and a breakfast-cupful of fine minced lean of cold ham; York ham for choice. Cook and stir for five minutes more. Pour the mixture into a brown or green shallow fireproof dish. Over the top sprinkle a half-inch layer of fine baked breadcrumbs, and then a thin coat of melted butter. Bake till well browned, atop in a quick oven.

BEAUTY CULTURE.

AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE CARE OF THE SKIN.

There is no more important factor in beauty culture than the cleanliness of the skin. How that is best obtained is a matter of divided opinion and depends to a large extent on each individual complexion. Some skins are too tender to be washed frequently with soap and water although such treatment is certainly beneficial in the majority of cases.

But washing with water or cream alone is not sufficient, under the conditions of modern life especially in towns. That lovely freshness of a child's complexion becomes inevitably clouded in a smoky atmosphere as the years go by, and the irritations of heat, cold, wind and dust work further havoc.

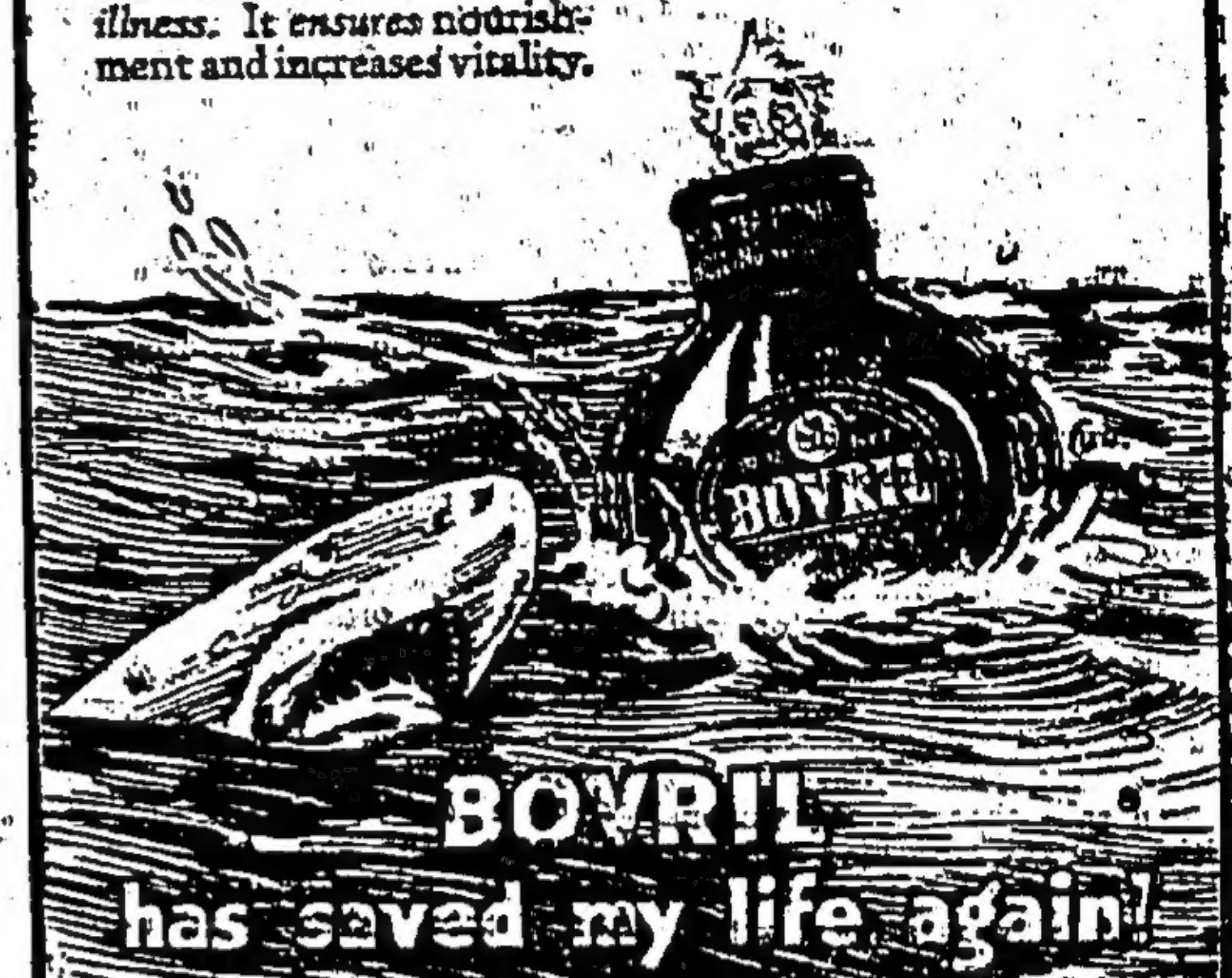
Every woman's skin needs periodic "spring cleaning." However, frock the daily care she gives it. And this "spring cleaning" is best done by an expert in a beauty par-

lour. It stands to reason that you cannot either steam or massage your own face as some one else can do it for you, and it must not be forgotten that face massage is a skilled profession and not to be lightly undertaken by the amateur, lest more harm than good be done.

And face massage as a beauty treatment goes deeper than the skin. It is so wonderfully soothing to tired nerves that all the little wrinkles caused by worry and the constant irritation of modern life, are smoothed away under the massaging hands. They may return, they almost inevitably will, but a regular massage will prevent them from ever becoming deep and unmovable. A clever masseuse can do as much for your general feeling of well being as a bottle of medicine.

Every woman who studies her looks takes care of her skin and does a certain amount of cleansing and massage night and day, but this home treatment should be supplemented to a regular cleansing and toning up given by the professional. You can get such treatment at the Darelle Beauty Shoppe and if you have never yet had a face massage the result will be revelation to you.

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SALE TIME.

SOME USEFUL THINGS AND
SOME EXCELLENT
BARGAINS.

I found several useful things at the haberdashery counter of Whiteaway, Laidlaw's this week. Very pretty floral ribbon in pink, mauve, and blue, with differently coloured flowers is one of the latest ideas for shoulder straps, and would certainly be quite the prettiest thing under a floral voile or chiffon dress. Hook and eye tape by the yard will delight the girl who likes to make her own corselettes and brassieres.

Setting Combs.

Most welcome too are pairs of setting combs by means of which any one can keep their hair in becoming waves. The hair should be slightly damp and a pair of the combs locked in each wave every night. If you have had a marcel wave at a hairdresser's you can preserve it in perfect condition for a very long time by using these combs every night. They cost 75 cents a pair.

Up stairs in the department given over to household furnishing I saw very thickly into a "stock" armchair which I found displayed, while I waited for the rush of customers to subside. It was one of a suite of two chairs and a settee upholstered in pink jasper, and it was the sort of chair I could happily sit in all day.

There Are Chairs—And Chairs.

The character of armchairs differs as much as that of people. There are those very low deep ones in which most of us—I for one—am only comfortable when quite alone. For it is next to impossible to sit gracefully in them and the less said about their effect on short skirts the better! Then there is the chair, like the sugar cake, that looks too tempting before you try it, but has all sorts of awkwardnesses which make it very uneasy to sit in. There is the dear old chair with a broken spring, but you have to be an old acquaintance to know how to adapt yourself to its strange and only find the knots. But the supreme armchair is quite unpretentious to look at, and wonderfully adaptable. You can sit in it to read, do needle work, or to chat with your friends, in perfect comfort of body and mind.

That is the sort of chair I found in Whiteaway's, and while I was sitting there I noticed a number of other things.

(Continued on next Column).

"THAT PRECIOUS
ELEMENT."CHIC WET-WEATHER
GARMENTS.

Water was referred to lately at a meeting of the powers that be of the Colony as "that precious element" but we are inclined to give it another and less flattering adjective when it pours down from heaven on our smartest and best.

The best thing, of course, is to have a really smart macintosh and you will then welcome the rain with true patriotic (or should it be colonial?) fervor.

Lano, Crawford's is always a happy hunting ground for "macs," because they stock those really ingenious and decorative "Milwater" garments, of which no two seem to be alike except in a common smartness. Velvet, satin, silk alpaca, jap silk and crepe de chine, are all rubberised, and utilised to make garments, which except for their weather proof qualities, it would be hard to tell from a smart wrap coat.

One coat I saw yesterday was in true moss green rubberised velvet cut quite plainly. Another of thick silk in cinnamon colour has smart collar and cuffs of tulle de negre. Silk alpaca is very smart in pale blue with beige collar and cuffs. Another silk alpaca is of the new pearl grey with a plaid design in a deeper tone.

Very amusing is a navy blue rubberised velvet which is printed in a design of tiny white lines which look, especially when the garment is wet, like raindrops.

Silk umbrellas can be found to match nearly all these macintoshes in the same shop.

Folding Frames.

Just in front of me were some children's push carts or folders, the sort of last year which is so useful when a child has really outgrown a baby carriage, but is inclined to demand a lift on a walk. They are particularly useful here in this land of hills, or flats, or both, as they can be stowed away in a small space and are very light to manipulate. I saw two sorts, the "Goozee," a standard value article priced at \$9.50, and the Alwyn folder which is very well sprung and upholstered and costs \$13.50.

A Lovely Quilt.

On my left was a brass bedstead which was covered with one of those new silk quilts I mentioned last week. I believe they are "Grecian" quilts of a thick yet light weave and very handsome. This particular one was in gold which looked very well indeed on the brass bed.

WOMAN'S PAGE

RAIN OR SHINE.

INEXPENSIVE EVENING FROCKS FROM EVE.

SOME DECORATIVE UMBRELLAS.

Rain or shine you will find plenty of things to make the day bright *chez Eve*, and perhaps most heartening of all is the news that the sale is to be carried on for two more days, and that a number of new goods have been included in it.

Chic Umbrellas.

As rain appears to be the order of the day, perhaps I had better begin with the umbrellas. They are so delightful as to make one positively look forward to a wet day. They are short, of course, with the correct "military" figure, with charming decorative handles, and covered with coloured silks.

My first favourite is grey with a roman striped border and a grey mount. Corded silk is used in chestnut brown with an amber handle, navy with red mount, with most attractive pinky beige with the new small crook of yellow amber among others. Very chic is a scarlet silk umbrella with a mount of blue and red "toffee." These umbrellas are marked from \$10.50.

For Evening Wear.

Among the new evening frocks which have arrived during the last week are several useful black models. A black evening dress is a standby that no woman can afford to be without. It can, if it is not of the very stately and extremely décolleté order, very often be worn in the afternoon or for a tea dance as well as in the evening, and the addition of a different flower, necklace or scarf can work a wonderful metamorphosis in an old favourite.

The first of these black frocks is, of course, quite definitely for evening. It is made of black chiffon with a pretty rain drop effect of diamonds, the skirt being cut very long on one side. In an extra large size is a frock of black silk lace and net over a good satin foundation. Another lace dress is cut on very becoming lines for a slender woman with its long straight bodice and full fluttering skirt.

I saw, too, some very attractive afternoon and evening frocks in colours, and a splendid collection of woollen jumper suits and cardigans which are very reasonable indeed during the sale.

AT THE SIGN OF THE
RAINBOW.PYJAMAS, SILKS & UNDIES
FROM THE PIONEER.

Rainbow colours indeed and in addition some wonderful shades created by the ingenuity of man. Soft silver greens like the underside of spring leaves, deep glowing claret reds, and all the range of tones inspired by the sandhills, you can find them all among the silks at the Pioneer Silk Store.

Two cases were unpacked before me on Wednesday. One held soft satins in about 50 different shades. This is a very good material for present wear, and has been used for many of the Spring models which are arriving in the Colony from the best Paris and London houses. It is equally good for afternoon and evening, and makes delightful undies, in another box I saw unpacked demonstrated most convincingly. The other case of silks held between 20 and 30 different shades of spun silk, a material whose hard wearing and washing qualities hardly need to be stressed here since it is so well known.

Next I was shown some three-piece pyjamas suits, trousers, sleeveless jumper and three-quarter length coat in printed crepe de chine. They are very pleasing and in good contrast and combinations of colour. Some of the suits had the trousers made of material with a broad black stripe, the same stripe being used, in combination with flowers, on the coat. The jumper was plain.

Some very pretty printed chiffon scarves also claimed my attention.

There are some new embroidered pyjama two-piece suits also in new combinations of colour which will appeal to European women. One, for example, is in grey and lemon yellow crepe de chine. The trousers are yellow, and the grey jumper has a yellow dragon embroidered on it.

I saw, too, some new silk undies of crepe de chine trimmed with drawn thread work and a little embroidery in pastel shades. Other crepe de chine and satin sets are trimmed with the familiar "net appliqué" work.

THREE FROCKS AND SOME HATS.

SOME BARGAINS AT THE FELIX HAT SHOP.

The sale at the Felix Hat Shop is still being continued for a day or two, and as a large shipment of new spring goods has already arrived, the remainder of the sale goods are being offered at very low prices indeed, in order to clear.

There is, for example, a most desirable collection of hand bags all marked at \$5, most of which were for five times as much originally. Among these I saw some smart pochettes in brown and beige leather which were nicely fitted.

A table full of hats are all reduced to \$3 and a cupboard holds a number more at \$6. They are some of them felt and some velvet. Many of them really expensive ones, with gold or silver thread, and soft plumage, as for example, a charming "tam" hat in pale pink velvet with a feather mount at one side and stitching

of silver thread. A number of smart little felts in several colours, with a silver or gold buckle, are also among the bargains.

The three frocks which I chose as representative bargains are a jumper suit in navy jersey cloth which is trimmed with strappings of pink on the neck, pockets and cuffs. A brown satin afternoon dress, with a cleverly arranged pleated godet on the left hip, and inset bands of the dull side of the material at the hip line. A Joffre blue afternoon frock of crepe de chine with a pretty fall down the left side of the bodice, and shaped circular godets on either hip, which give a very pretty line to the skirt.

But these are only three of quite a number of other bargains. Jumper suits, and besides the dresses, there are truly wonderful bargains to be had as I have said in hats, and accessories generally.

AN EXCELLENT
TONIC.

NEW SPRING MILLINERY.

Men never tire of making jokes about women, and a favourite of judicial humorists is the perennial joke about the tonic effects of a new hat.

That joke is justified except that it is no joke but "truth and nothing but the truth." Nothing is so reviving to the spirits and the looks than the possession of new and becoming headgear, and if the learned judge will forgive me, men seem to find exactly the same tonic effect in a visit to the hatter!

But surely of all millinery tonics the first Spring hat is the most potent. Spring at home is so exquisite, so lovely after the dreary winter (I mean, of course, the genuine spring not that according to the calendar) that one feels that the first sunny day must be celebrated by a new hat. And winter is so long and so depressing that the tonic of a new hat, when the first month of the new year is passed is really a necessity.

Happily we are more lucky here. But even in Hong Kong, when the grey and rainy days arrive, the tonic is needed, and the woman's fancy turns very strongly to thoughts of hats, be she young or old. Her feet following her thoughts often turn in the direction of the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop.

I told you something about the new spring hats in the Dolly Vardon Shop last week and I am not going to describe any of them again today. But in case you did not see last week's paper, let me assure you that they are a most desirable collection and have been selling like the proverbial "hot cakes." There are now light weight felts, mostly in light colours with interesting trimming of narrow braids of silk straw in black or dark brown. Taffetas and straw are another very good combination, and there are a number of taffetas or corded silk models which are trimmed with flat appliqué flowers. Crowns are a little higher and brims of stitched silk, even on straw shapes, are one of the newest fashions.

This is a representative collection of the new spring millinery, and the shapes, colours, and trimmings are very pretty and becoming. It will be hard indeed if you can not find the tonic you need to give your heart fresh courage, and your eyes an added brightness, at the Dolly Vardon Hat Shop just now.

HANGMAN'S HOUSE.

DONN BYRNE'S FAMOUS
NOVEL—SCREENED.BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR
SCENES.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Hangman's House" is a film to see. It is based on the famous novel of that name by Donn Byrne but is hardly as good an interpretation of his work as an earlier picture, "The Ring," which was based on a single chapter. That is perhaps inevitable since so much of the charm of Donn Byrne's work lies in his use of words and his method of telling the story, a method which is utterly foreign to the screen. The "Black and Tan" are surprisingly white washed in Hollywood. But after all the interest of a film is pictorial rather than literary, and there is little to quarrel with in the pictorial aspect of this picture.

The story is in brief that though Connaught O'Brien and Dermot McDermot love each other, the girl is constrained by her father, Jimmy O'Brien, "the Hanging Judge," to marry John Darcy. Darcy is being hunted by Citizen Hogan because he has deserted Hogan's sister, and he falls foul of the whole country side when he shoots his wife's horse after it has won a steeplechase. The end is dramatic. Hogan and Dermot both go to Hangman's House to kill Darcy, and find him stripping the place of its valuables preparatory to flight overseas. In the course of a struggle a lighted candle is thrown down and the whole building blazes up. Darcy had soaked it in coal oil intending to fire it to cover his get away. The villain perishes appropriately with the house on which lies the curse of the country side, and Connaught and her lover are at last united.

The story is exciting, but the picture relies more on its setting for its claim to greatness. All the outdoor scenes are excellent. Hangman's House, a queer pseudo-Elizabethan structure, is seen mirrored in a dreary lake and some how, after the first sight of it early in the film, it takes its place as the centre of the story and the end really comes when the flames die down on its ruins. There are lovely camera pictures of field and country-wide wreathed in mist, and the great steeplechase is the best horse race scene, I have yet found on the films. It is nearly as exciting as the chariot race in "Ben Hur," and much more artistic in photography. The scenes of the crowd coming to the course, country people in ass carts, farmers in jockeying carts, and the gentry on horse back are excellent and most interesting. Victor McLaglen has a good role as Citizen Hogan, although he is perhaps best suited in more roistering parts, he acts very well. Young Dermot is well played by Larry Kent and Connaught O'Brien by June Collyer. Hobart Bosworth gives a very fine presentation of the Hanging Judge. Some of the earlier scenes, when the old man broods over the fire and sees terrifying visions of those on whom he has pronounced judgment, are unusually good. The ungrateful and rather difficult part of Darcy is well taken by Earle Fox.

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MATCHES.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

All Divisions of the English League have a full fixture list of matches to-morrow. Scottish teams are engaged in the second round of the Cup series. The matches are as under:—

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal	Manchester C.
Aston Villa	Burnley
Blackburn	Birmingham
Bury	Cardiff
Derby	Bolton
Everton	Huddersfield
Leeds U.	Liverpool
Leicester	Newcastle
Manchester U.	West Ham
Sheffield U.	Wednesday
Sunderland	Portsmouth

Division II.

Blackpool	Notts For.
Bradford	Clapton
Chelsea	Bristol C.
Grimsby	Stoke
Millwall	Tottenham
Notts C.	Reading
Oldham	Barnsley
Port Vale	Hull
Southampton	Middlesbrough
Swansea	West Brom.
Wolves	Preston

Division III.

Bournemouth	Luton
Brighton	Newark
Bristol R.	Fulham
Crystal Pal.	Swindon
Exeter	Charlton
Merthyr	Coventry
Newport	Torquay
Queen's P.R.	Brentford
Southend	Northampton
Walsall	Gillingham
Watford	Plymouth

Division III.

Ashington	Chesterfield
Crewe	Hartlepool
Darlington	Rochdale
Doncaster	Barrow
Nelson	New Brighton
Halifax	Lincoln
Rotherham	Southport
South Shields	Wrexham
Stockport	Bradford C.
Tranmere	Accrington
Wigan	Carlisle

SCOTTISH CUP.

The Second Round.

Third Lanark	St. Mirren
Rangers	Partick T.
Murrayfield	Arbroath
Aberdeen	Queen's Park
Glasgow	Hamilton
Clifford	Rathfriland
Albion Rovers	Clackmannan
Kilmarnock	Bo'ness
Brechin	Dundee
Celtic	East Stirling
Cowdenbeath	Airdrie
Fraserburgh	Dumbarton
Queen O' South	Falkirk
Stenhousemuir	Dundee United
Ayr United	Armadale
St. Johnstone	Motherwell

ENGLISH CUP REPLAYS.

HEAVY SCORING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Jan. 30th.
In the replays of the F.A. Cup Botton and Liverpool were level with 2 goals each after full time, but Botton added three more goals in the extra period.

The full results were:—
Clapton Or. 0 Aston Villa 8
Cry. Palace 5 Millwall 3
Swindon 3 Burnley 2
Derby Cnty. 0 Blackburn 3
Bolton Wm. 5 Liverpool 2

Two league matches were also played to-day, resulting as follows:—

Division I.

Manchester	0 Bury
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Division II.

Barnsley	0 Chelsea
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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. SOUTH CHINA

A.A.

The following will represent the Kowloon 1st XI. v. South China Athletic in their League Match at Caroline Hill grounds to-morrow. Kick off at 4 p.m.—Angus; Boman; Fife; Hedley; Easterbrook; Downman; Clemo; Bliss; Spary; McKelvie; Miles.
Reserve: Baldwin; Davies.

KOWLOON 2nd XI v. H.M.S.

SUFFOLK.

The following will represent the Kowloon 2nd XI. v. H.M.S. Suffolk in a friendly game on Kowloon Football Club ground, to-morrow. Kick off at 4 p.m.—Angus; Moore; Eastman; (Capt.) Ray; Campbell; Nicholls; Hannan; Molloy; Moss; Morgan; Blacklock.
Reserve: Waddington; Seddon; King; White.

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RUGBY.

FINAL INTERPORT TRIAL.

The following will represent the Rugby Section of the H.K.F.C. in the final trial match versus United Services on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday):—R. J. Grieve, A. A. L. Plummer, V. W. L. Stanion, M. D. Scott, C. D. Wales (Captain), J. L. Bonnar, J. Milne-Day, H. F. Alder, W. Leckie, E. R. West, J. Riddell, W. Lithgow-Smith, R. P. Moodie, B. P. Massey, W. Beveridge, J. Morris, R. H. G. G. Touchjudge: A. Gordon.

CRICKET NOTES.

YET ANOTHER SURPRISE.

Yet another surprise and a real one this time came along last Saturday in the First League. The only game played was between the Chinese Recreation Club and the University. Personally though I would expect Kowloon to beat the University seven times out of ten, I should be much more convinced of the ability of the University to defeat the Chinese. But instead, they got as bad a beating as did Kowloon! There are two points which stand out particularly in these two "crowning mercies." If I may so term them, of the C.R.C. In the first place they are both almost entirely personal triumphs for W. C. Hung. I gave details of his performance against Kowloon last week. On Saturday last he made 31 runs out of 130 and took 8 wickets for 37. He thus totalled in two consecutive matches 119 runs and 13 wickets for 76 runs. In the second place, in each game the C.R.C. made what one is tempted to call an impertinent declaration! One hundred and forty against Kowloon! One hundred and thirty-eight against the University! But it is an impertinence which might well be held to amount to genius. The interesting point will be now whether the University will beat the Hong Kong Club to-morrow. It is most unlikely. And yet it is not more unlikely than that they should be beaten by the C.R.C.

Second Division.

That it was going to be difficult to catch the I.R.C. in the Junior Division was always evident. It will be even harder now, since they won one of their remaining two games last Saturday. The R.A.O.C. must have given them a bit of a fright as there was a tremendous slump in the middle of the Indian batting. A. R. Sufail, Sirdar Khan and J. M. A. Rumjha, however, proved equal to the occasion and a two wickets victory resulted. The R.E. and S. held their place however—or rather went up one—by crushing the Craigengower second. I don't know if it was a failure to score that made Wyatt particularly deadly, but he clean bowled no less than seven men for 9 runs. Possibly he was bowling after the drizzle set in, and was helped out by that.

The Club second were not engaged in a League Match. They seem, however, very keen on reaching first place and may do it. With four matches in hand, a possible twelve points, they are too behind the Indians. And with two matches in hand, they are three behind R.E. and S. The latter team cannot possibly win whatever they do, provided that the I.R.C. win their final match outright. Unfortunately I am unaware at present against whom the match is.

Though not having a bearing on the decision of the League mention must be made of the excellent win of the Navy against Kowloon second. The runs were obtained very rapidly at the end, but probably the result was due to the fact that "The Navy caught nine catches instead of dropping nine." I quote by the way from a member of the Navy side, and am not responsible for the feelings evoked by this statement.

Friendlies.

The Civil Service, without de Rome, failed in batting against the Club. Quick bowled well with good catching to support him. Mitchell caught three, one of which, dismissing Baker, was a fine running catch on the boundary. Parker got 3 for 11, but two of them were off long hops! He bowled a great many excellent balls but they were a shade short of a length and went over the sticks. Hayward and Quick batted very well against the C.S.C.'s earlier bowlers and, with the match won, the rest proceeded to take liberties. Edmunds, going on late and spinning the ball a bit, got 7 for 38—pitching the ball well up and being backed up by some good catching. Baker caught Quick and Evers brilliantly at deep long on off successive balls.

There was an interesting game between K.C.C. and an Army eleven. Oliver came off well with 65 not out, while Ramsay also did well. For the Army, Musson who, I venture to think, is worth a lot more runs than is generally supposed, batted excellently but he only found support in Vedder. Goodwin got 8 for 42 and there were two run outs.

The Club second had little difficulty in beating the Civil Service; Reccio also dealt conclusively with the Police; and A. E. Min's team beat the Electric, although the latter had declared with 183 for 8.

Forthcoming Games.

I have already referred to the Club and University Match. It should be a very close game between the Navy and the Gunners, and either side might win. Probably the side that holds its catches will get home. In the second Division H.K.C.C. should win against the Police and R.E. and S. against "Varsity II." The big game now looming on the horizon is the Club and the United Services, which will be played, I am told, on Monday and Tuesday, February 11th and 12th. It should be an excellent match to watch, for those of like mind with the Babe B. A. who, had he been an Emperor, would have hired twenty-two men to play cricket before him.

(Continued on next Column.)

ENGLAND'S TEST TEAM.

NO CHANGES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Adelaide, Jan. 31st.
The team to represent England in the Fourth Test which opens here to-morrow, will be:—

A. P. F. Chapman (captain).
J. C. White.
D. R. Jardine.
Hobbs.
Sutcliffe.
Hammond.
Hendren.
Lawwood.
Tate.
Geary.
Duckworth.

The eleven is precisely the same as that which defeated Australia in the Second and Third Tests.

SWIMMING.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR ARNE BORG.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Melbourne, Jan. 30th.
Arne Borg, the famous Olympic swimmer, who is touring Australia, broke the quarter-mile record for Victoria to-day, completing the distance in 5 mins. 1.3-8ths seconds.

to publish the selected teams next week.

At Last.

We have at last got a drop of rain and our worthy Director of Royal Observatory is rapidly recovering his popularity with cricketers. But I rather agree with the charming young lady who begged him to arrange a tea after midnight and before breakfast. Seriously speaking, it has come in the nick of time as pitches were getting positively dreadful. It's effect on cricket will be interesting. It will, of course, be easier to turn the ball and fewer good ones will go just over. On the other hand, the feeling that any ball may hit the base of the stumps or the tip of your left ear does not make for good batting.

Cricket As She Is Reported.

"By the courtesy of a correspondent I am enabled to reproduce a genuine account of a house watch at a well known public school as reported in a home letter. I have changed nothing but have merely eliminated names."

"It was a wonderful match. We went in first and made in the first innings 141 all out! Then we went in again and it was 99 for 4 and still 3 runs to get to save an innings defeat. Well two of our batsmen (and) stayed in and saved the situation by putting on 118 runs between them. Then we was out but we still had 3 wickets in hand. Would you believe it, the next two men came out first ball each. The next man then went in and promptly ran—(who had made 117 and was our only hope) out! Oh it was wicked. The next two men then got out first ball! The last man having walked out to bat the pitch—turned round to see himself run out! The idiot!!

Well they (—) had 104 runs to get to win and a fairly strong batting side. Then came out luck—between the innings it poured with heavy rain for about five minutes and then the sun came but strongly. Well it gave our great bowler (—) Captain of the 1st XI, his chance. He hadn't "come off" incidentally before then.

Well it was 40 for 1 and spirits were low. Then, owing to his magnificent bowling 63 for 7!! Then came a stand and there were 4 runs to get and two wickets to go. One wicket came down and so there was one wicket to go and four runs to get. The last man hit a hard one towards the boundary, travelling fast along the ground. Our field—(Champion sprinter) mile) was after it like a shot—and marvel of marvels—just managed to stop it. Well the batsman had run two runs and were in the middle of the run which meant a tie!

You won't believe what happened next—it was just like an impossible fictional occurrence. Both batsmen—running hard—and both not looking to see where they were going because they were looking to see whether it was a boundary (and so if it were, the Cup)—collided head on and completely knocked each other out. They were carried off insensible from the middle of the pitch and had won the Cup by 2 runs!! Oh! it was marvelous!

It certainly was. R. ABBIT.

ROYAL NAVY v. R.A.

The following will represent the Royal Navy v. Royal Artillery in a Division I League match, commencing 2 p.m. to-morrow on the R.N. ground, King's Park:—
Comdr. P. C. Baker (captain).
Comdr. J. N. Pelly, Comdr. E. G. Stanley, Pay-Lieut. H. S. Watch, Pay-Lieut. C. F. Waters, Lieut. C. F. Phillips, R.M., Lieut. F. G. Sillitoe, R.M., Midshipman K. Parkhurst, Sub-Lieut. C. H. Single, Midshipman C. G. Smith, and Sub-Lieut. H. C. Simms.

ARCHITECT WINS CLAIM.

DEFENDANT FINDS COST TOO HEAVY.

FEES FOR PREPARATION OF PLANS.

Judgment was delivered yesterday by Mr. Justice P. Jacks at the Summary Court in the case in which Mr. William Thom, architect, sued the Wing Yip Company, and Chen Tse Yuen, for the sum of \$700 claimed as professional services rendered in connection with the preparation of plans for levelling New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 613.

His Lordship said:—
This is a claim by an architect for professional services rendered in connection with the preparation of plans for levelling New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 613 and erecting a dwelling house thereon.

The plaintiff appears to have no satisfactory record of the instructions he received. His plans bear no dates or notes relating to approval or otherwise, but defendant admits instructing him to prepare plans for approval and in respect of part of the claim has paid \$200 into Court.

The plaintiff prepared tracings in accordance with a sketch put before him by defendant, which he contends that defendant approved.

The plaintiff has put in the drawings which he prepared. I do not believe he would have gone to the length of preparing these had his tracings not been approved. Neither do I believe that he would have prepared contract plans had his drawings not been approved. Such a course would have been sheer waste of time.

Evidence Conflicting.

The evidence was conflicting but I believe the architect prepared plans according to his instructions and that his plans were approved.

It was contended by defendant that the drawings were for a building too large for the area available, but I find on seeing them that this is not so. The house shown on the drawings does not exceed an area of 4,000 square feet according to scale.

The defendant at some time had discovered that the orientation of the house as shown in the drawings did not please him but this would not render the plans useless provided sufficient area was available.

An Extension Wanted.

The defendant admitted that he wanted an extension in order that the house might be turned to another position. The extension was granted. So there seems no reason why he should not have approved the plans and proceeded with the work.

I believe the reason the work was not proceeded with was that the cost was heavier than the defendant anticipated and that he subsequently decided to erect something less ambitious.

The claim seems to me a reasonable one for the amount of work done. I give judgment for the plaintiff for \$500 and costs. The \$200 paid into Court may be paid out to the plaintiff.

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Sighing like Rudolf, with many a Menjou leer
Made to his mistress' eyebrow.
Then the soldier
Full of fierce pose, moustachioed like Duggee
Jealous in honour, seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the camera's lens. And then the sheriff
With eyes severe and hair of Coolidge cut
Full of wise cracks and ready at the draw;
And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
Into the plump and pompous heavy payee
With spectacles on nose and ear at door
Opposing first the match but in the end
Relenting with a smile. Last scene of all
That ends this life unreal, Hollywoody,
Is, sloppily sententious and close-up
With a catch in the eye, with a hold
with everything.

FILM MAKING IN SINGAPORE.

LOCAL PEOPLE TAKE MINOR PARTS.

Singapore, January 18th.—The Victoria Theatre was transformed into a film studio yesterday for the purpose of "shooting" various interior scenes of "Shadowa," a British film, which will be released for universal production this year. Capt. Malins, already well-known to Singapore for his motor-cycle trip from Europe to the East during which he passed through here, is directing the film and is also taking one of the leading roles. He is assisted by Capt. Reid, the writer of the scenario, who also takes one of the principal characters.

Singapore Takes No Small Part.

The picture is being made for British Screen Productions, Ltd., and includes scenes in Burma, Siam, Java, Singapore and Johore. Singapore plays no small part in "Shadowa," for a great deal of the most interesting scenes are being taken here. Work was begun yesterday morning, with several local people all of whom have had previous experience of theatrical work, taking minor parts. The Singapore police will also appear in the film, and their contribution will give some idea of the many dangers they have to face. Among the other actors taking part is Miss Nadine Arlen, who has the leading feminine role, while a large number of Asiatics will also appear.

Work has already been in progress for three months, and it is expected to finish the actual filming in about another three weeks—two of which will be taken in Singapore. Then the reels will have to be developed, edited and cut, and it will be several months before the finished article is ready for the market. However, it is expected to put the picture into circulation before the end of the year.

The Story.

The story opens in Burma, where an Englishman, Major Mallard (Captain Reid), has received a commission to discover the whereabouts of a certain valuable formula, which has disappeared. He proceeds down through the East, endeavouring to pick up some clues of its whereabouts, and eventually is advised to seek the assistance of a renegade by the name of Gerald Rawden (Captain Malins), owing to the latter's extensive knowledge of the district. Through Indo-China they search in vain, but eventually receive information which brings them to Singapore.

Here, after many thrilling adventures, including a fight between the police and the rival faction, the holder of the formula escapes down the Singapore river, and although chased by motor-launch, he boards a seaplane and gets away to the Dutch East Indies. Mallard and Rawden trek him down, and there they come to the final round. They discover the formula, and in getting it away they have a fierce encounter in the hills, and it is only through Rawden giving his life in keeping back the foe while Mallard escapes to safety that the formula is saved. The picture ends with the former renegade being honoured in death by a military funeral.

SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR ITS FUTURE FORECASTED.

NEW ROLLING STOCK TO BE PURCHASED?

Nanking, January 18th.—The Year 1929 bids fair to be one of the most prosperous years in the history of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway so far as its financial possibilities are concerned.

According to latest reports from the Railway, the approximate cash balance anticipated at the end of June, calculated on the basis of the preceding year, will be in the neighbourhood of \$1,068,000 and at the end of the year \$3,068,000; assuming that the earnings for the first period average \$29,000 a day and for the latter period \$30,000, and that the saving on coal through reduction in price is about \$300,000 for the whole year.

Out of the total cash balance of \$3,068,000, one million dollars will be allotted for capital expenditure covering the last four years, in accordance with the 1924 Agreement which provided \$250,000 a year for such purpose. An amount of \$1,247,000 will also be set aside for

meeting amortization charges. After deducting another sum of \$350,000 (taken from last year's total), as allowance for unpaid military traffic, and making provision for capital funds and amortization charges above mentioned, there should remain a net cash balance of about \$300,000.

The Railway should make handsome earnings, as a result of the return of peaceful conditions throughout the region it traverses, and the choice of Nanking as the site of the National Government's Capital. From the earnings alone, new additional rolling stock may be purchased to meet the increasing volume of traffic, both passenger and goods.

Half of the amount of capital funds—\$500,000—may be utilized for uncompleted works, urgent capital works, and Sentinel coaches already purchased. The other half may be devoted to the acquisition of passenger engines, coach underframes, goods engines and wagons costing in all a total of \$1,500,000 the balance short to be made up from earnings of the additional stock in two years.

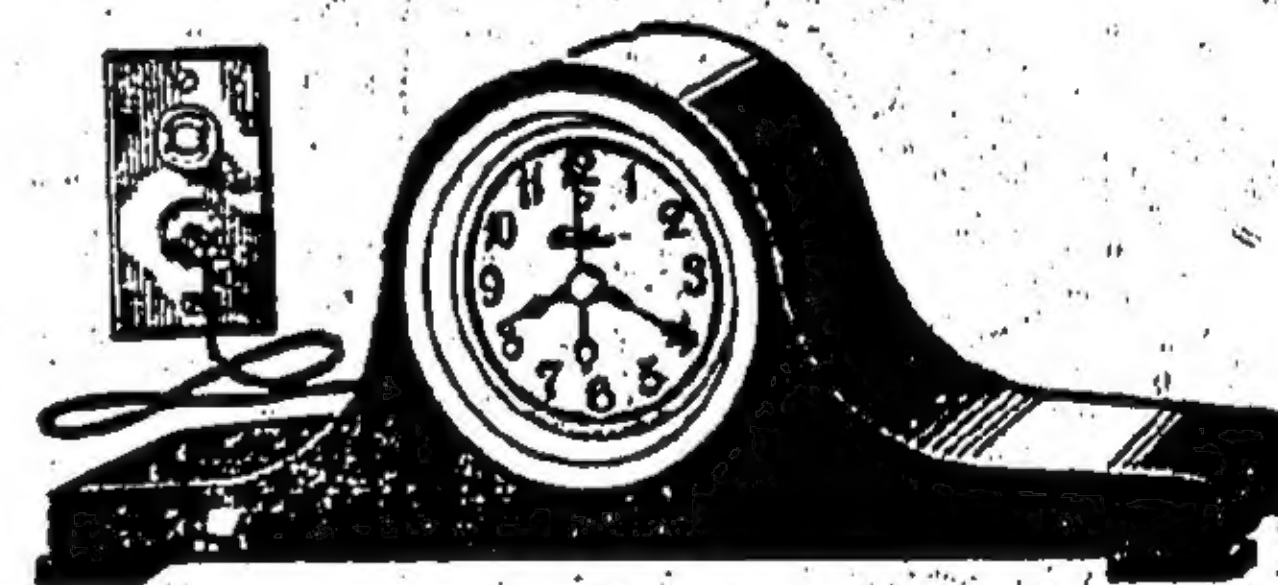
In short, the financial prospects of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway are excellent and the figures given conservative and reasonable. The proposals for the acquisition of much needed expansion are decidedly favourable to bondholders. Kuo Min News Agency.

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The opening stages of the Hsin Wah inquest have revealed several flat contradictions in the evidence relating to the despatch of the news of the wreck from Waglan Lighthouse. The report also gives the thrilling story of the surviving Chief Officer.

Our Canton correspondent is able to announce that the Kwangtung troops have severely defeated the Red rabble on the Northern border. The Chinese authorities are now taking drastic steps to deal with the Brigand-Communist menace once and for all.

Canton's troubles still continue and the lights fail regularly every night. The City, in desperation is going back to oil lamps.

Cables from the north report the recent hitch in the Sino-Japanese negotiations, and the reaction to the recent "Firm" speech of Baron Tanaka.

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AMONG THE GIRLS!

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INTERESTING PROGRAMME IN CHINESE THEATRE.

[By "RAMBLER"]

Jay swallowed a lump in his throat, and the remains of his cigarette at one and the same moment, and all because of Will Yum. "I don't suppose for an instant that his name was really Will Yum, but as Jay remarked later, a rose by any other name is just as sweet."

Will Yum was giving a display of swordsmanship at the prize-giving yesterday afternoon of the Young Chung Girls' School which took place in the Ko Shing Theatre. Unfortunately, Jay was sitting right in the front row and Will Yum appeared to take a special delight in brandishing his glittering sword within an inch of our noses. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the spectacle and clapped loudly at the finish. So did Jay and I, but probably for a different reason!

A Persevering Lady.

Mr. Yue Wan, Chinese Inspector of Schools, was in the chair for the presentation ceremony—that is to say, when he was not bowing to the little girls and handing out prizes. The Inspector made a charming speech in which he recounted the history of the Ko Shing Theatre. Everybody was intensely interested in his remarks although, owing to the din of everybody chattering at once on every subject under the sun, nobody was not actually on the stage could hear a word, he said.

As the worthy Inspector resumed his seat, the Headmistress rose to propose a vote of thanks for the highly informative address to which some three or four of the teachers had listened. Having not the slightest conception of the Chinese language, I could not record any actual statement that she made although it was a fairly easy matter to follow the gist of what she was saying.

It appeared that the worthy lady was telling that noisy audience that she wasn't going to stand any of their nonsense she had got up to speak and she meant to be heard, and if anybody in that theatre thought they were going to shut her up let them just try it and then see how they would get on! Yes, they could shout but she guessed they had a good pair of bellows herself and how did they like their eggs cooked now?

Believe me, that lady finished game at the winning post after talking for half an hour without a break! Her audience was puffed and out of breath long before she had finished, and it was a real joy to Jay and me to behold the triumphant twinkle in her eyes as she hammered home her last remarks into the heads of the people. As a vote of thanks, that speech could not be beaten!

Tiny Tots To The Fore.

Then the prize-giving commenced. One of the first of the pupils to receive her just award was a pretty young damsel of about eighteen with an Eton crop of approved style. She received a tremendous ovation and appeared to be one of the heroines of the school.

About thirty tiny tots in one class who toddled across the stage to receive little silver chow-bowls as prizes quite captured the audience. Their teacher tried hard for a quarter of an hour to line them up two-deep. Just as she would get the van of the line in order, there would be a violent disturbance in the rear and while she was quietening this outbreak, a miniature free fight would break out in the van and she would have to start all over again. It was hard work for the teacher but highly edifying to the delighted audience.

One of the best turns of the afternoon was an exhibition of toe-dancing by a little Chinese maiden who looked as though she had stepped straight from the pages of a picture book. For one so young, the grace and charm she displayed were really remarkable. This little lady also gave another effective *pas seculé*—The Sailor's Hornpipe.

There was a Chinese orchestra which managed, by dint of perseverance, to overcome the rival efforts of a facetious taxi-driver with a Klaxon horn who persisted in tooting away outside the theatre in the mistaken belief that he was assisting an "Art for Art's Sake" campaign. The orchestra won by a neck.

Duels With Swords.

Some of the elder girls gave a drill display under the directions of a gentleman who possessed all the approved style in giving orders of a regimental drill sergeant. This gentleman also directed the efforts of a number of young men who occupied the stage for a time and succeeded in convincing the audience that they could turn cart-wheels and perform other useful feats of acrobatics quite as well as their sisters. After this, the drill sergeant himself gave a display calculated to impress upon his pupils the fact that he still had a few choice items left to teach them. In order to put a thrill into the proceedings, two energetic young gentlemen fought a duel with swords. They slashed at each

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ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS AND THE POLICE.

FURTHER EVIDENCE AT SESSIONS YESTERDAY.

Further evidence was taken at the Supreme Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the case in which four Chinese, one a woman, are indicted on charges of uttering and the possession of forged notes, purporting to be 830 notes issued by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, is conducting the case for the prosecution, the fourth defendant is represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Jnr., instructed Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Jnr., Mr. E. R. Dorey, Government analyst said he received various articles from the police, including photographic apparatus, inks, engraving implements, and plates. The impressions made with the inks and apparatus were very similar to the impressions on the genuine notes.

Serjt. Whant gave evidence of finding the articles at No. 19, Queen's Road East. They were locked up in a drawer and the key was produced by the first prisoner's wife.

Serjt. Fitzgibbon said that on December 14th, at 3.15 p.m. he had instruction to be at the western entrance of the Western Market. He saw the first defendant leave a house in the company of a Chinese constable in plain clothes, who had been sent there to buy the alleged forged notes. He watched them enter a money exchange shop. Later he returned to the Central Police Station, when he took a report from the constable.

On December 15th, he gave the constable 830 and certain instructions. Later, in the day, he also gave certain instructions to another constable, and received their report at about five or six p.m.

A Busy Afternoon.

The next morning, he gave a Chinese detective a wallet filled with certain notes. Witness then took station near the Post Office as arranged. He remained there till noon, when he shifted his position to near the On Lok Yuen Cafe. At 2.30 p.m., he saw the third prisoner, accompanied by two constables, pass by hurriedly, going in the direction of West Point. He followed them and saw them enter a house—No. 114, Des Voeux Road Central. Witness then took up a position where he could see the third floor verandah. Several Chinese detectives joined him, and they remained there until 3.30 p.m., when witness had to telephone to headquarters. Receiving further instructions he waited till 6.30 p.m., when one of the constables came out of the house and made a report to him.

Witness at once proceeded to No. 13, Queen's Road East, by car. There he saw the first defendant under arrest. He conveyed the prisoner to Central Police Station, and at 8 p.m. witness took the first prisoner to the third floor of house No. 114, Des Voeux Road Central, where he searched the cubicle alleged to have been rented by Chan Wing—the man who had eluded the police.

Witness then went to a house in Yee Woo Street with the first prisoner and a Chinese detective. He founded the third prisoner in a cubicle, and placed him under arrest. They all left and went to No. 5, Lammett's Lane, and there they found the woman prisoner.

A Heap Of Timber.

Later, the same day, witness took the woman and the third prisoner and proceeded to Jardine Bazaar. They passed a heap of timber the two prisoners walking ahead. All at once the third prisoner halted and stooping down attempted to pick up something.

Witness stopped him and told him to wait the arrival of Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P. Mr. Murphy arrived a few minutes after, and the third prisoner was told to proceed. He lifted two bricks hidden under the timber, and put his hand in a cavity. He then brought to light a bundle wrapped around by newspaper. In that bundle were forty of the alleged 830 forged notes. The case was again adjourned.

other's heads and both escaped decapitation by a hairbreadth. Then a young man armed with a two-handed sword fought a thrilling battle with another well-intentioned youth armed with a lance. Both won on several occasions. At least, I think so. Jay and I had pressing business elsewhere while that exhibition was in progress. We considered that we were too near the stage for our health.

Each display was accompanied by the strains of "Roussau" played on a harmonium by a gentleman who succeeded in getting a delightful series of variations of this tune out of the instrument simply by using one finger. He played that respectable old hymn tune to waltz time, fox-trot time, hymn time, and as a march. As an improviser, he could not be beaten.

On the whole, the proceedings were full of interest and we congratulate the school upon having its smart pupils and hard-working teachers, and wish it every future success.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before 20th February, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 31st Jan., 1929. [7329]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENTAL PORTS VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES per Co's Vessel "DOLU" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godowns on and after 31st January.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th February, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 20th February, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected! BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

31st January, 1929. [7323]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"ELLERMAN" LINE. FROM EUROPE.

THE Steamship "CITY OF PEKIN"

Consignees of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Cargo has been transhipped at Singapore by S.S. "DOLU" which arrived this morning and that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 8th February, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th February, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hong Kong, 31st Jan., 1929. [7331]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Motor Vessel "HALLAND"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd February, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 1st February, 1929, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before the 15th February, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned.

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Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1929. [7302]

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Pres. Monroe, Sun., Apr. 7, 8 a.m.
Pres. Wilson, Sun., Apr. 21, 8 a.m.

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Pres. Madison, Feb. 12th, 6 p.m.
Pres. Pierce, Feb. 18th, 6 p.m.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, 2nd February, 1929 at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th February, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by FURNESS (PAK EAST), LTD., 2nd Floor, King's Building, Cantonment Road, Telephone No. C. 8165.

Hong Kong, 27th Jan., 1929. [7306]

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Jan. 31st.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	1 p.m.
Barometer...	29.89	29.90	29.88
Temperature...	58	55	55
Humidity...	82	87	84
Wind—			
Direction...	E	ENE	ENE
Force...	4	3	3
Weather...	OD	O	O
Rain...	0.01	0.00	0.06

Highest open-air Temperature, 30th: 60
Lowest open-air Temperature, 31st: 53

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 1st to 7th, 1929.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Month	High Water	Low Water	Day of Month	High Water	Low Water
1	h. m.	h. m.	6	h. m.	h. m.
2	h. m.	h. m.	7	h. m.	h. m.
3	h. m.	h. m.	8	h. m.	h. m.
4	h. m.	h. m.	9	h. m.	h. m.
5	h. m.	h. m.	10	h. m.	h. m.
6	h. m.	h. m.	11	h. m.	h. m.
7	h. m.	h. m.	12	h. m.	h. m.

Fr. 1 h. m. 2.15 4.9 m. 8.23 2.7

Sat. 2 3.32 6.1 9.28 3.4

Sun. 3 4.48 7.3 10.44 4.1

Mon. 4 5.51 8.3 11.58 4.8

Tues. 5 6.57 9.3 13.04 5.5

Wed. 6 7.58 10.2 14.11 6.2

Thur. 7 8.54 11.1 15.18 6.9

7.45 7.11 15.8 8.6

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Steamers	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Vancouver
Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 3
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 2	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 23
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 2	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 23
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 13
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Aug. 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17

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Mar. 9	Mar. 10	EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 15

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TANIGAWA MARU ... Wednesday, 28th Feb.

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SEITO MARU ... Sunday, 24th Feb.

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ANTO MARU ... Friday, 1st Feb.

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KAWACHI MARU ... Monday, 4th Mar.

NEW YORK via PANAMA.

ATAGO MARU ... Friday, 1st Feb.

KUMA MARU ... Saturday, 9th Feb.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Genoa & Marseilles.

DELAGOA MARU ... Wednesday, 20th Feb.

CAUCUITA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MAIAGOA MARU ... Saturday, 9th Feb.

NAGANO MARU ... Friday, 15th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MURORAN MARU ... Saturday, 2nd Feb.

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

GOOD IMPORTS AND THROUGH FREIGHTS.

TWENTY-EIGHT ARRIVALS.

The general cargo returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were very good. Local imports were very high indeed, and through freights well above the average. Twenty-eight arrivals and seventeen departures were shown of which twelve arrivals and seven departures were British ships. Cargo carried by British ships was also good.

Nineteen vessels discharged 24,518 tons of general cargo for this port of which 5,988 tons were contributed by seven British ships. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. Silverbell (Dutch) with 7,350 tons of kerosene and oil from Balikpapan (French) and the s.s. Limchow (French) from Haiphong and Hoihow with 3,080 tons of general cargo.

Eleven vessels carried 17,788 tons of through merchandise of which 8,573 tons were carried by five British ships. The two heaviest carriers were the s.s. Takada (British) with 3,443 tons of general merchandise from Calcutta and Singapore, and the s.s. Atago Maru (Japanese) with 3,080 tons of sugar from Kobe and Hoihow.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	12	7
Japanese	5	3
Norwegian	2	0
Chinese	4	2
Dutch	1	2
French	2	1
German	0	1
Portuguese	1	0
American	1	1
Total	28	17

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Takada (British) arrived from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,306 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 5,443 tons for through ports.

Hai Yang (British) arrived from Foochow and Swatow with 400 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hydangan (British) arrived from Swatow with 121 tons of general cargo and tobacco for Hong Kong.

Kwai Sang (British) arrived from Canton with 300 tons of general merchandise for through ports.

Aratuna (British) arrived from Yokohama and Moji with 911 tons of Japanese merchandise for through ports.

Alipora (British) arrived from Yokohama and Shanghai with 220 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 2,900 tons for through ports.

Szechuen (British) arrived from Shanghai and Swatow with 570 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 40 tons for through ports.

Chinkang (British) arrived from Bangkok and Kuching with 1,700 tons of rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Telemaus (British) arrived from Saigon with 1,700 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Chinkang (British) arrived from Canton with 70 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Chenau (British) arrived from Canton with 150 tons of general cargo for through ports.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Changie, Feb. 12.

Taipei, March 6th.

Bank Line.

Polaris, to-day.

Rosier, March 2nd.

City of Khartoum, Feb. 11th.

City of Guildford, March 3rd.

City of Delhi, March 11th.

City of Lincoln, April 23rd.

San Line.

Beledi, Feb. 6th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Calchas, to-morrow.

Autolous, Feb. 4th.

Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.

Patroclus, Feb. 7th.

Ion, Feb. 8th.

Democritus, Feb. 18th.

Bellerophon, Feb. 20th.

Sarpedon, Feb. 20th.

Euryades, Feb. 24th.

Tryndareus, Feb. 24th.

Menelaus, March 3rd.

Achilles, March 5th.

Agamemnon, March 5th.

Meriones, March 14th.

Proteus, March 18th.

Keemun, March 20th.

Ajax, March 27th.

Oanla, March 28th.

Diomed, March 31st.

Pyrthos, April 2nd.

Hector, April 4th.

Laomedon, April 5th.

Talithyros, April 8th.

Asaphion, April 14th.

Euryphylus, April 20th.

Neleus, April 22nd.

Zeus, April 24th.

Perseus, April 25th.

Dardanus, April 30th.

Radnor (American) arrived from New York and San Pedro with 661 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 2,948 tons for other ports.

Limchow (French) arrived from Haiphong and Hoihow with 2,000 tons of coal and general cargo and 463 pigs for Hong Kong and 300 tons of coal for Canton.

Gouverneur General Paul Doumer (French) arrived from Saigon and Swatow with 1,300 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong.

Silverbell (Dutch) arrived from Balikpapan with 7,073 tons of kerosene and 300 by 33 drums of aviation spirit and 300 empty drums for Hong Kong.

Haidis (Norwegian) arrived from Bangkok and Kuching with 1,266 tons of rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tin Sie (Portuguese) arrived from Wuchow and Samshui with 190 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Atago Maru (Japanese) arrived from Kobe and Hoihow with 3,080 tons of centrifugal sugar for through ports.

Canton Maru (Japanese) arrived from Keelung and Swatow with 73 tons of coal and general merchandise for Hong Kong.

Bongai Maru (Japanese) arrived from Yokohama and Moji with 1,234 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 2,997 tons for through ports.

Fukuyu Maru (Japanese) arrived from Kobe and Keelung with 1,368 tons of cement and 84 tons of match sticks for Hong Kong.

Mao Lee (Chinese) arrived from Dairen and Swatow with 400 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong and 1,200 tons for through ports.

Sun Kong (Chinese) arrived from Kwong Chow Wan with 240 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

DESTROYERS GO TO ASSISTANCE.

Two Japanese destroyers have been sent from Formosa to the assistance of the s.s. Asthiana Maru which stranded in the Hainan Straits. Two Japanese merchant vessels at present standing by will remain until the arrival of the men-of-war. Up till the present no further news has been received of the Taikoo tug which left here for the spot; and which should have arrived by this time.

Steamer Ashore In Pearl River.

The Butterfield & Swire vessel Chinkiang arriving here from Canton reports passing a steamer ashore at approximate position Tiger Island West, Tailing Island North. As the vessel was not flying any signal of distress the master of the Chinkiang proceeded on her course without stopping. The master also reports very bad visibility.

Collision Narrowly Avoided.

The master of the s.s. Canton Maru (Japanese), arriving from Keelung and Swatow, reports that whilst on her way to her wharf on the waterfront, she had to anchor at No. 7 buoy in the midstream to avoid the risk of colliding with a Taimati Ferry launch and a sailing junk. In consequence of the sudden manoeuvre the vessel's anchor fouled the left-side chain of the aforementioned buoy, but without doing serious damage.

Anchor And Cable Lost At Sea.

The s.s. Fukiyu Maru (Japanese) which arrived from Kobe and Keelung reports having lost a sea anchor and 35 fathoms of cable about 200 miles from Hong Kong.

Death On Vessel After Arrival.

A report from the master of the s.s. Takada (British) which arrived from Calcutta and Singapore states that a death from consumption occurred on board at 9 p.m., three hours after the vessel berthed at the Kowloon Wharves.

S.S. Taming Goes To Dock.

The s.s. Taming of the China Navigation Company, arrived here in ballast from Wuhu and Swatow and went into dock at the Taikoo Shipyards for annual overhaul and refit.

Heavy Cargo Of Oil Fuel.

The s.s. Silverbell (Dutch) arriving from Balikpapan brought a heavy cargo of oil fuel for the Asiatic Petroleum Company. The vessel carried 1,075 tons of kerosene, 775 tons of benzene, 300 drums of aviation spirit and 300 empty drums for Hong Kong. She is berthed alongside the A.P.C. installation premises at North Point.

Asiatic Vessel Passengers.

Thirteen vessels brought 2,213 Asiatic deck-passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. The s.s. Takada (B. & L.) was the best carrier with 1,322 deck passengers.

British-India And Apar Line.

Tilawa, Feb. 6th.
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